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Paying the 'Price' at Alabama

Two days before losing his five-month-old job as Alabama football coach in early May courtesy of a Discover card that was discovered on a young lady in Pensacola, Fla., Mike Price could be overheard on a golf course telling someone that he wouldn't be able to "fly under the radar" in Tuscaloosa as he did in Pullman, Wash., coaching the Washington State Cougars all those years.

Well, duh?

Perhaps the most amazing thing about this lurid saga as it played out in such detail in early spring is that the gravity of coaching at a place like Alabama apparently never really struck Price. He apparently didn't know that Tuscaloosa was not Pullman, that his every move would be monitored the way a high-profile politician's would, that being football coach at Alabama is equal to or better than the notoriety achieved by a governor of most Southern states.

I'm not going to get into all of the particulars of Price's "date with Destiny" prior to and following that whale of a celebrity golf tournament in Pensacola. You know all you need to know about the money he spent on private dances at a strip club and the room-service order from hell—$1,000 was charged to his Discover card—placed by a female acquaintance who just happened to be staying in his hotel room. It was a to-go order, by the way, perhaps to be sent as a care package to Price at his next coaching destination—wherever that's going to be.

Just like ex-Iowa State basketball coach Larry Eustachy, who found out that you can't party with just anybody after losing a basketball game in Columbia, Mo., Price discovered that there's a higher standard to be reached when you're coaching at a high-profile state university where your sport is king. At places like Alabama in football or Indiana in basketball, the coach can't be just above reproach anymore—he better be way *beyond* reproach. Because if he's not, somebody's going to find out, and it's going to be very embarrassing for everyone involved. That's just the way it is in this day of the hungry, starving, 24-hour media outlets.

Now stepping under the 'Bama microscope will be 15-year NFL assistant Mike Shula, Hall-of-Famer Don's son and an All-SEC quarterback for the Tide in 1985. Shula, at 37, is 20 years younger than his predecessor, but all indications are he possesses a good bit more maturity.

It's a good bet the only place you'll hear this Alabama coach yell "roll Tide!" will be in Tuscaloosa on the sidelines at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

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Let me welcome you to our new-and-improved *Street & Smith's College Football* yearbook. You may have noticed as you were flipping through that we have expanded our I-A previews considerably, giving full-page treatment to almost all of the teams in the BCS conferences and more coverage than ever before to the WAC, Mountain West, MAC, Conference USA and the Sun Belt. We have supplemented this coverage with the nut-and-bolts info that our readers have asked for, including depth charts, stadium details, assistant coaches and I-A schedules listed not only in the back of the book but also on the preview pages for easy reference. Our tireless creative team, Keith Wood and Manny Marquez, and Editorial Assistant Stephanie Brooks teamed up on what I think is the neatest addition—charts that let you know what kind of win-loss progress your school has made in the last five years.

The best thing about all of this is that we haven't cut back on our coverage of the smaller colleges and universities. We still offer a page for each I-AA conference and provide six pages of Division II and Division III content. *Street & Smith's* has always been the only preseason magazine to offer comprehensive coverage of the smaller schools—in football and basketball—and we plan to keep it that way.

Until we meet again, for *Street & Smith's Pro Basketball* in September, enjoy the BCS road to New Orleans.

D. Scott Smith
MANAGING EDITOR

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S28	Kentucky (+19) Fla	34-41	W
	Mich (-7) Illinois	45-28	W
S27	Tex Tech/N Mex UNDER57	49-0	W
S26	Louisvl/Fla St UNDER43	26-20	W
S23	Bucs (+2 1/2) Rams	26-14	W
S22	Seahawks(+6 1/2) Giants	6-9	W
	Lions (+8) Packers	31-37	W
S21	NC St (+2 1/2) Tex Tech	51-48	W
	Notre D (+4) Mich St	21-17	W
S19	Auburn (-1) Miss OVER43	14-42	W
S15	Cards (+3 1/2) S'hawks	24-13	W
	Saints (+2) Packers	35-20	W
S14	Nevada (+14) BYU	31-28	W
	Penn St (+4) Nebraska	40-7	W
S 9	Pats (+2 1/2) Steelers	30-14	W
S 8	Saints (+6) Bucs	26-20	W
	Dolphins (-8) Lions	49-23	W
S 7	Bama (+13) Okla	27-37	W
	So Fla (-7) N Ill	37-6	W

2002 PRE-SEASON WINNERS

S 2	Auburn (+8) USC	17-24	W
A31	Miami-O (+8) N Car	27-21	W
A29	BYU (-2) Syracuse	42-21	W
	N Ill (+2) W Forest	42-41	W
A24	OSU (-6) Tex Tech	45-21	W
	Falcs (+3 1/2) Cowboys	21-19	W
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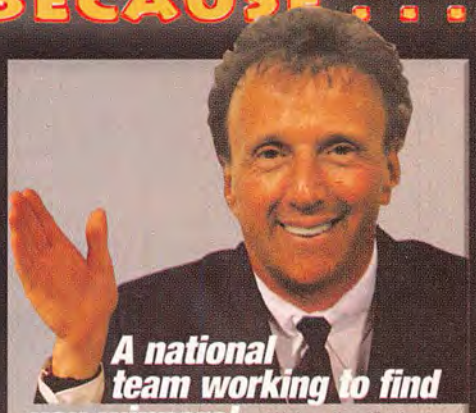

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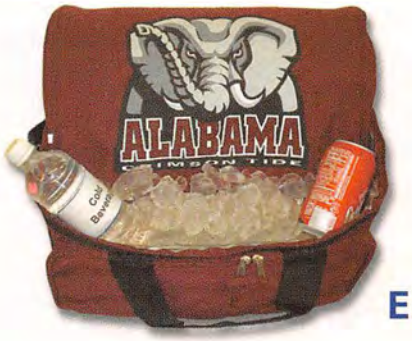

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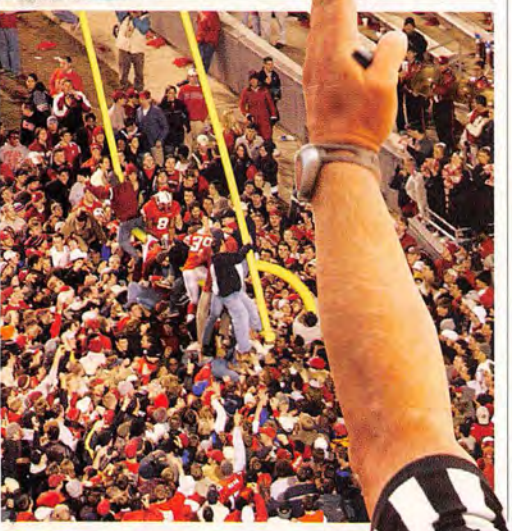

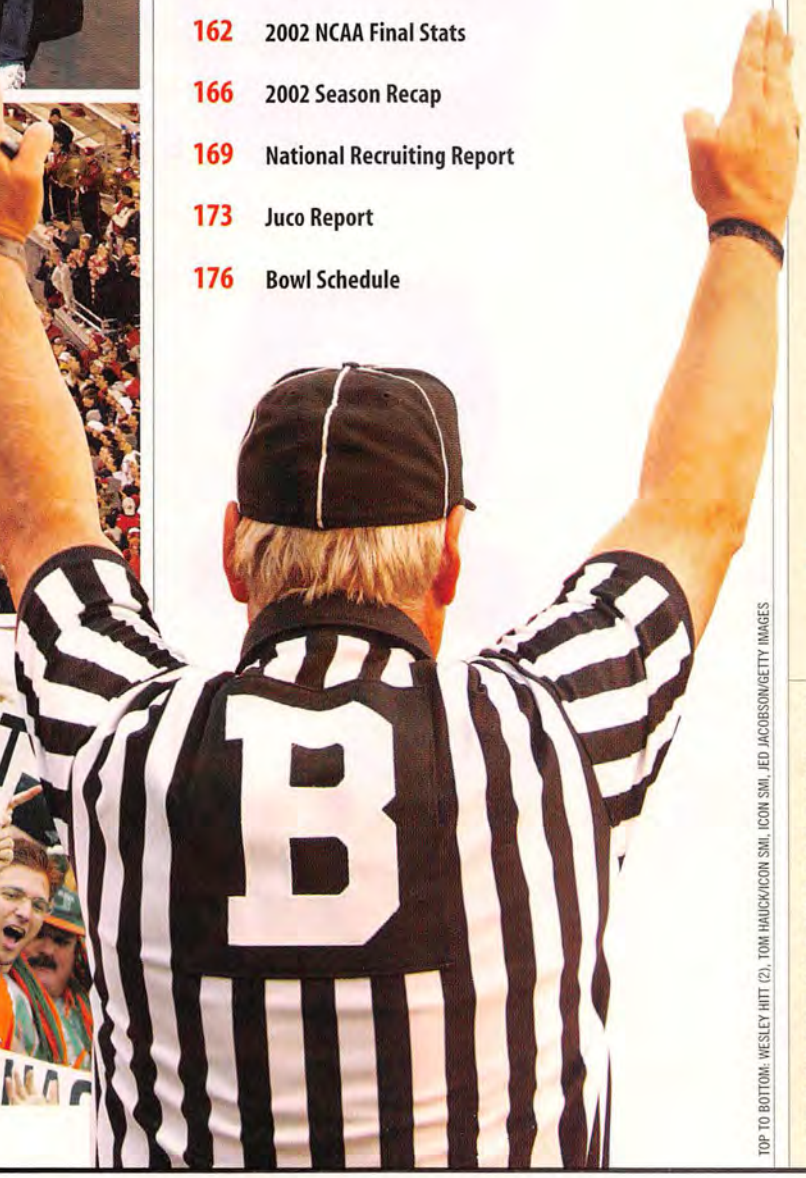

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PROFILED IN:

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- ***NY Times***
- ***Chicago Tribune***
- ***Washington Post***
- ***Playboy Magazine***

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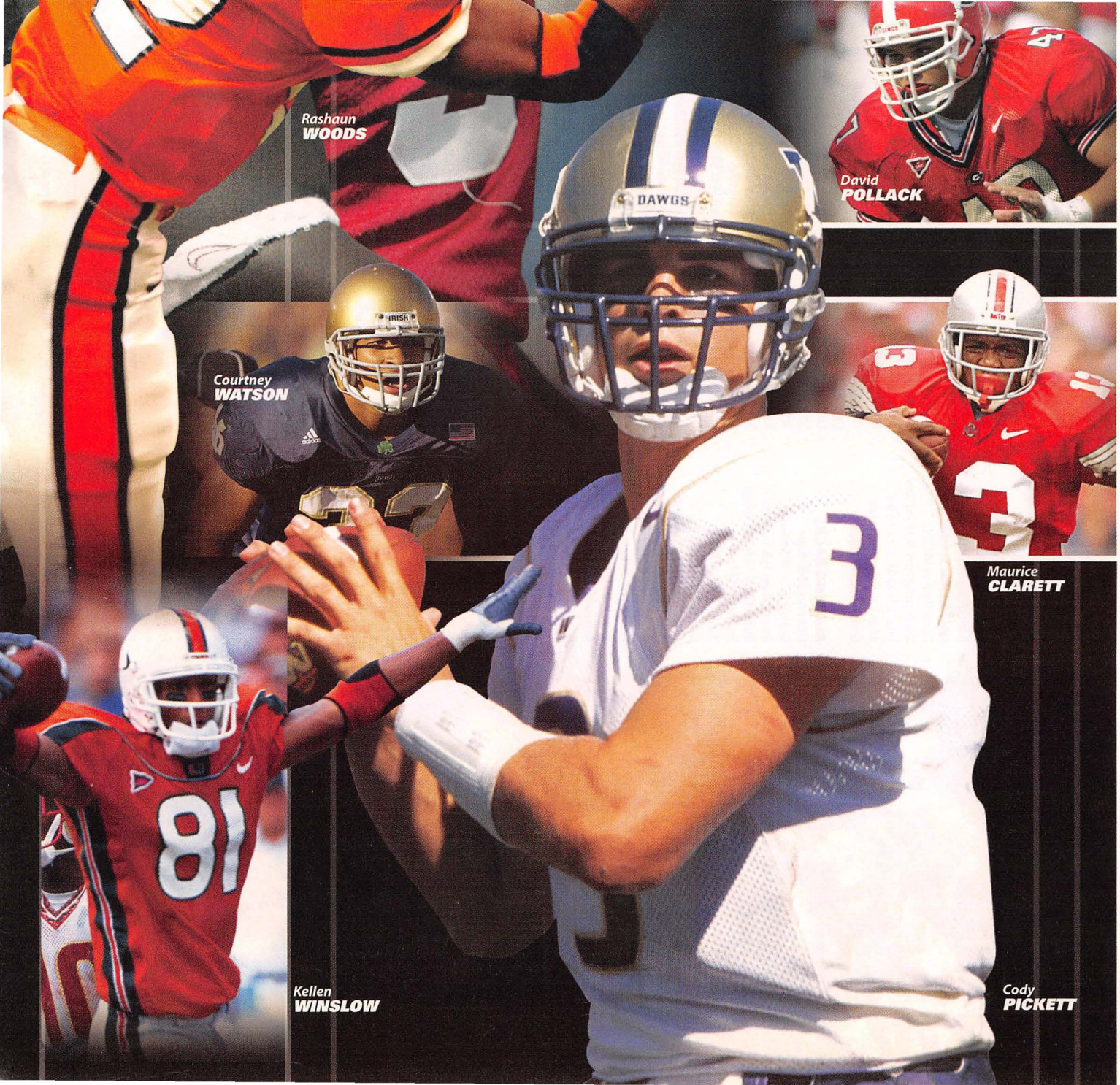

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OL	**Shannon Snell** SR Florida
OL	**Rob Petitti** JR Pittsburgh
TE	**Sean Ryan** SR Boston College
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DL	**Brandon Kennedy** SR North Texas
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DL	**Jordan Carstens** SR Iowa State
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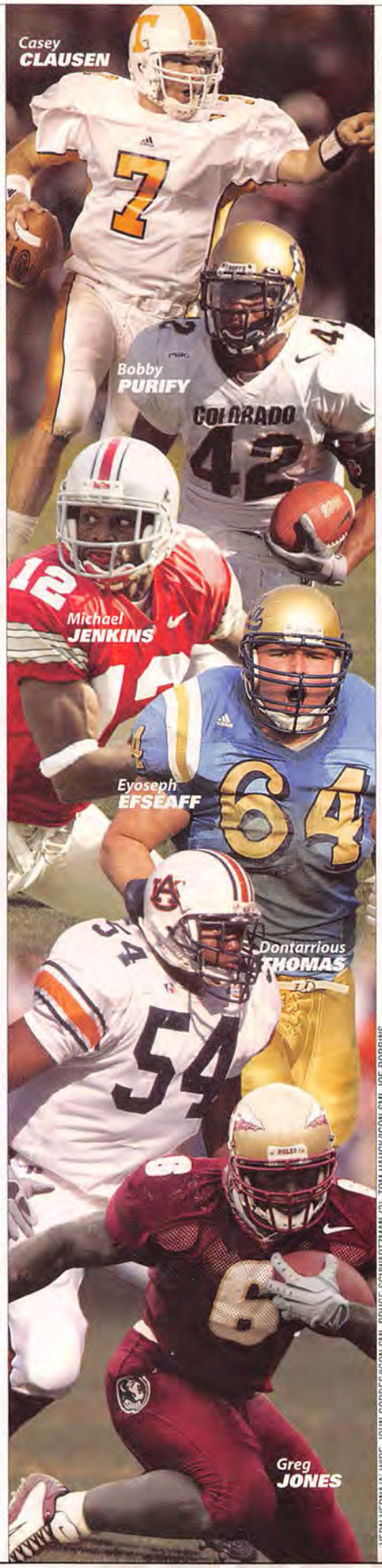

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Kevin Beard SR Miami
Keary Colbert SR USC
Jamaar Taylor SR Texas A&M
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Earvin Johnson JR UNLV
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Derek McCoy SR Colorado
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Chris Myers JR Miami
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Cedric Fields SR Baylor
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Tim Brown SR West Virginia
Rex Hadnot SR Houston
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Brent Smith SR Mississippi State
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Craig Krenzel SR Ohio State
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Michael Turner SR Northern Illinois
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Reggie Williams JR Washington
Mike Williams SO USC
Roy Williams SR Texas
Bill Whittemore SR Kansas
Ryan Schneider SR Central Florida
Rashaun Woods SR Oklahoma State

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Tim Anderson SR Ohio State
Dave Ball SR UCLA
Rodrique Wright SO Texas
Nathaniel Adibi SR Virginia Tech
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Brandon Kennedy SR North Texas
Howard Hodges SR Iowa
Jordan Carstens SR Iowa State
Darrion Scott SR Ohio State
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Kenechi Udeze SO USC
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14. Arizona State
15. Southern Cal
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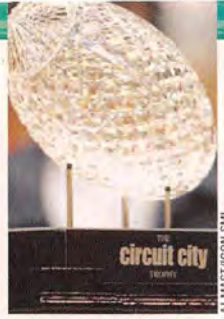

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2003 NATIONAL PREVIEW

By Scott Rabalais
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

Road to N'awlins and national title sure to be full of weekly bumps

If you want to win the national championship this year, you'll have to come to my home state: Louisiana.

The Sugar Bowl in New Orleans is the site of this year's biggest Bowl Championship Series bash. Embrace the BCS like it was a long, lost cousin or despise its carpetbagger ways, but this year it has its charms. What better excuse to come to New Orleans for New Year's than to root your team on to No. 1? Grab a Hurricane (the drink, not the storm), some Mardi Gras beads and face paint and join the party.

New Orleans may be the city that care forgot but it loves its football. How else would it have put up with the Saints all these years? Yes, sir, when the bourbon flows and the ballgames are on, there is no better place to be.

How do you get there? To reach New Orleans you can take I-10 from either coast, a riverboat or a train they still call the City of New Orleans.

To get to the national championship game, however, will take a little more work. There will be tests every week. Only the strong of heart—and the undefeated—need apply. Here's a week-by-week minder:

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Aug. 30, Southern Cal at Auburn: What an appetizer—a pair of teams with national-title aspirations. The loser won't be knocked out of the race, but the winner will gain early leverage.

Sept. 6, Maryland at Florida State: If the Seminoles want to reestablish themselves as a national player, they'd better start right away. The ACC has caught up with and may pass FSU this year.

Sept. 13, Notre Dame at Michigan: After last year's initial success under Tyrone Willingham, Irish fans will be dreaming big in 2003. Their semi-annual trip to The Big House will let them know where they stand.

Sept. 20, Tennessee at Florida: This game probably won't have the same impact it usually has, but if either team hopes to make noises nationally it'll have to win this one.

Sept. 27, Pittsburgh at Texas A&M: With players like QB Rod Rutherford and WR Larry Fitzgerald, the Panthers can win the Big East. But behind new coach Dennis Franchione, expect the Aggies to spring some surprises.

Oct. 4, Kansas State at Texas: The first half of an arduous one-two punch that could begin or end the Longhorns' title aspirations. With QB Ell Roberson, the Wildcats are a team everyone will have to watch.

Oct. 11, Oklahoma vs. Texas (Dallas): The Longhorns can't achieve national domination if they can't beat the Sooners. Texas will try again, but don't expect the Red River Shootout to reverse course.

Oct. 18, Southern Cal at Notre Dame: If the Trojans can survive this and the next week's game at Washington, then maybe it's their fate to be in the Sugar Bowl. USC is just a quality Carson Palmer replacement away.

Oct. 25, Auburn at LSU: If you want to contend for national honors, first winning the SEC Western Division is a good start. This Tiger-Tiger tangle could have those kinds of implications.

Nov. 1, Miami at Virginia Tech: The Hokies nearly trashed the Hurricanes' run to No. 1 in Blacksburg two years ago. If Miami is on track again in '03, a visit to the mountains could be a stumbling block.

Nov. 8, Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh: Will Marcus Vick have his brother's old QB job by this point? If he does, Hokie fans may be thinking about how they played for No. 1 the last time it was decided in New Orleans.

Nov. 15, Kansas State at Nebraska: This game could have Big 12 and national-championship ramifications—for the Wildcats. On this occasion, the Cornhuskers will be cast in the unfamiliar role of spoiler.

Nov. 22, Ohio State at Michigan: The Buckeyes had to dodge a last-gasp bullet by the Wolverines to reach the Fiesta Bowl last year—in Columbus. Can their title hopes survive a trip to Ann Arbor?

Nov. 29, Miami at Pittsburgh: A chance for a huge upset literally slipped through the Panthers' paws last year. This time they will get the 'Canes on their (frozen?) turf. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

Dec. 6, Championship Saturday: The SEC and Big 12 title games can almost always be counted on to shape the national championship picture. A final piece to the puzzle could fall into place in Atlanta or Kansas City.

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A9	COWBOYS (-3) RAIDERS	20-6	W	BLOWOUT!
A10	BROWNS (+3 1/2) VIKES	27-15	W	UPSET!
A15	SAINTS (+2 1/2) DOLPHINS	24-7	W	UPSET!
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Defense could carry Sooners to big BCS bash on Bourbon Street

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1. Oklahoma

Quarterback is a question mark with Jason White's two knee surgeries. But you won't lose much—or at all—if they don't score on you. With players like Tommie Harris, Teddy Lehman, Lance Mitchell and Brandon Everage, Oklahoma should ride its defense all the way to New Orleans and a national-title shot in the Sugar Bowl.

2. Miami ✓

The Hurricanes will wobble a bit without the steady hand of QB Ken Dorsey, but Miami has too much talent to take a fall. How good are the 'Canes? Running back Frank Gore is supposed to be better than departed first-round NFL pick Willis McGahee. Linebacker Jonathan Vilma quarterbacks the defense.

3. Texas ✓

When he's healthy, Longhorns wide receiver Roy Williams is the nation's most exciting player—just the thing for a team trying to find its way with a new quarterback. Texas will miss Chris Simms, but not too much with all the starters it has returning. The Longhorns will be a player on the national scene—if they can beat Oklahoma.

4. Michigan ✓

The Wolverines almost played spoiler to Ohio State's national-title chances last season. This year, Michigan wants to be back on top. The Wolverines have a chance, but QB John Navarre needs RB Chris Perry to help him out. The defense must also improve.

5. Ohio State ✓

The biggest knock on the Buckeyes is that it's simply so hard to repeat as national champion. But Ohio State has a chance to do just that with key players returning like RB Maurice Clarett, QB Craig Krenzel and DE Will Smith and CB Chris Gamble.

6. Kansas State ✓

For years the Wildcats have seemed to be on the verge of true greatness but always come up just a win or two short. The top of the Big 12 is crowded, but Kansas State could belong. The Wildcats certainly have the league's top returning quarterback in Ell Roberson.

7. Auburn ✓

The Tigers have just about everything—a bottomless backfield, strong offensive and defensive lines and a maturing quarterback. Auburn's secondary is suspect, which could be the chink in the shoulder pads that may keep the Tigers out of the national-title picture. But Auburn is the team to beat in the SEC for the first time since the Pat Dye days.

8. Washington ✓

OK, quarterback Cody Pickett and wide receiver Reggie Williams may beg to disagree about who's the best, but they certainly are the most potent pair west of the Rockies. If Washington can shore up its defense, the Huskies should win the Pac-10.

9. Pittsburgh ✓

Is there a more exciting pass-and-catch combo in the country than Panthers quarterback Rod Rutherford and receiver Larry Fitzgerald? Maybe they just make it *look* interesting. Pittsburgh won't win the Big East, but the Panthers will have a big say in who does.

10. Virginia Tech ✓

Will the second coming of Vick make the Hokies the beast of the Big East again? Getting past Miami and Pitt will be a tall order, but Tech has a chance with Marcus Vick, younger brother of Michael, and sophomore Bryan Randall running the show. Running back Kevin Jones also returns, but will the defense be championship-caliber?

11. Maryland ✓

The Terrapins will have to cope without star linebacker E.J. Henderson, but coach Ralph Friedgen has done more with less before. Quarterback Scott McBrien and RB Bruce Perry return on offense, while LB Leon Joe will try to fill Henderson's cleats.

12. Tennessee ✓

The Volunteers are healed, rested and ready for 2003 after falling off the national radar last year with a devastating rash of injuries. Tennessee should return to the heights this year with savvy veterans like quarterback Casey Clausen, running back Cedric Houston and free safety Rashad Baker.

13. Georgia ✓

When last seen, the Bulldogs were dancing off to Bourbon Street after beating Florida State in the Sugar Bowl to finish 13-1. Now comes the hangover. The Dawgs lost their leading rusher, receiver, top two tacklers and punter, but will still be a force in the SEC with the return of QB David Greene and DE David Pollack.

14. Arizona State ✓

The Sun Devils have to replace pass-rusher supreme Terrell Suggs but compensate with players like quarterback Andrew Walter. If ASU can build a defense around end Jimmy Verdon, the Sun Devils may be a dark horse in the West.

15. Southern Cal ✓

The Trojans are riding high again. The search to replace Heisman-winning QB Carson Palmer will be key to USC's dreams of greatness, but players like WR Mike Williams and D-linemen Shaun Cody and Mike Patterson will have the Trojans in the hunt.

16. Florida State ✓

The Seminoles won the ACC yet again in 2002 and played in another BCS bowl, but the 8-5 record was not typical FSU. At Florida State, success is not just conference titles and eight-win seasons. Chris Rix will try to quarterback the 'Noles back to the top, but having lost his offensive line, it won't be easy.

17. N.C. State ✓

Former Florida State assistant Chuck Amato is trying to outdo his former employer for an ACC title, and may do it this year. Quarterback Philip Rivers leads an exciting Wolfpack offense, but Amato must find a replacement for DB Terrence Holt on defense. If he can, can N.C. State fans say BCS?

18. Virginia ✓

After a string of potent recruiting classes and a big bowl blowout of West Virginia, a Cavalier attitude runs through the ACC. Virginia is young, but senior quarterback Matt Schaub and junior defensive end Chris Canty could carry the Cavaliers to the top of the league.

19. Wisconsin ✓

After several frustrating losses last season, the Badgers put it together enough to be a factor in the Big Ten once more. Quarterback Jim Sorgi is one of the league's premier passers and junior Anthony Davis has the right name to be a top tailback.

20. LSU ✓

These Tigers should contend for the SEC championship now that quarterback Matt Mauck's injured foot is healing. They must d evelop a go-to running back and safeties, but a favorable schedule could mean another trip to the SEC title game.

21. Oklahoma State ✓

Yes, it seems plenty strange to be ranking the Cowboys while

Nebraska is nowhere to be found. But OSU deserves the acclaim with exciting players like wide receiver Rashaun Woods and quarterback Josh Fields. The Cowboys will try to make it three straight over Oklahoma and upset the national championship picture.

22. Notre Dame

No sneaking up on anyone this year—as if the Fighting Irish ever could. Irish eyes will be on Tyrone Willingham's second Notre Dame team to see if it can improve on its surprising 2002 run. Returning players such as QB Carlyle Holiday and RB Ryan Grant will make Willingham's second season worth watching, though the defense has issues.

23. Colorado State

Once again it will be "Ram tough" for anyone but Colorado State to prevail in the Mountain West. Quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt leads the offense, while the defense is spearheaded by linebackers Drew Wood and Adam Wade and cornerback Dexter Wynn.

24. Minnesota

The Gophers are ready to carry over momentum from an injury-plagued 8-5 season that ended with a 29-14 bowl win over Arkansas. Nearly all of their key players return, including one of the country's most explosive backfields in QB Asad Abdul-Khaliq and RB Marion Barber III. A weak non-conference schedule combined with a Big Ten slate that doesn't include Ohio State or Purdue could get coach Glen Mason's team nine wins.

Brodie Croyle, Alabama

25. Alabama

Despite NCAA probation and big-time distractions, there's no denying the Crimson Tide still has Top 25 talent. Alabama is on its fourth coach (Mike Shula) in three years following the Mike Price debacle this spring. The Tide will again play for pride (no bowl, but a return trip to Hawaii), but has the players to do that with QB Brodie Croyle, RB Shaud Williams and DE Antwan Odom.

BACK FOR MORE

Leaving early for the NFL Draft is all the rage—45 players declared this year. But plenty more saw the wisdom in returning for their senior seasons, like these five who are among the best in the college game:

Teddy Lehman, LB, Oklahoma

The leader of the most dominant defense of the 21st century is back for a crack at one more championship ring. If he has to crack your head open to get it, well, it's a tough game.

Cody Pickett, QB, Washington

Formed a record-setting, pass-and-catch combo with junior receiver Reggie Williams that should light up the Pac-10 again this year.

Philip Rivers, QB, North Carolina State

His steady throwing hand is the reason the Wolfpack has moved into the role of national contender.

Roy Williams, WR, Texas

When he was healthy last season he was probably the game's most exhilarating player. If the Longhorns' new QBs can get him the ball, Williams may race past Ohio State sophomore RB Maurice Clarett to win the Heisman.

Rashaun Woods, WR, Oklahoma St.

If you live in Big 12 country you should be in Stillwater on Nov. 8 when Woods and Williams hook up. They are Nos. 1 and 1-A when it comes to the nation's best receivers.

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Roy Williams, Texas

Entering the SPOTLIGHT

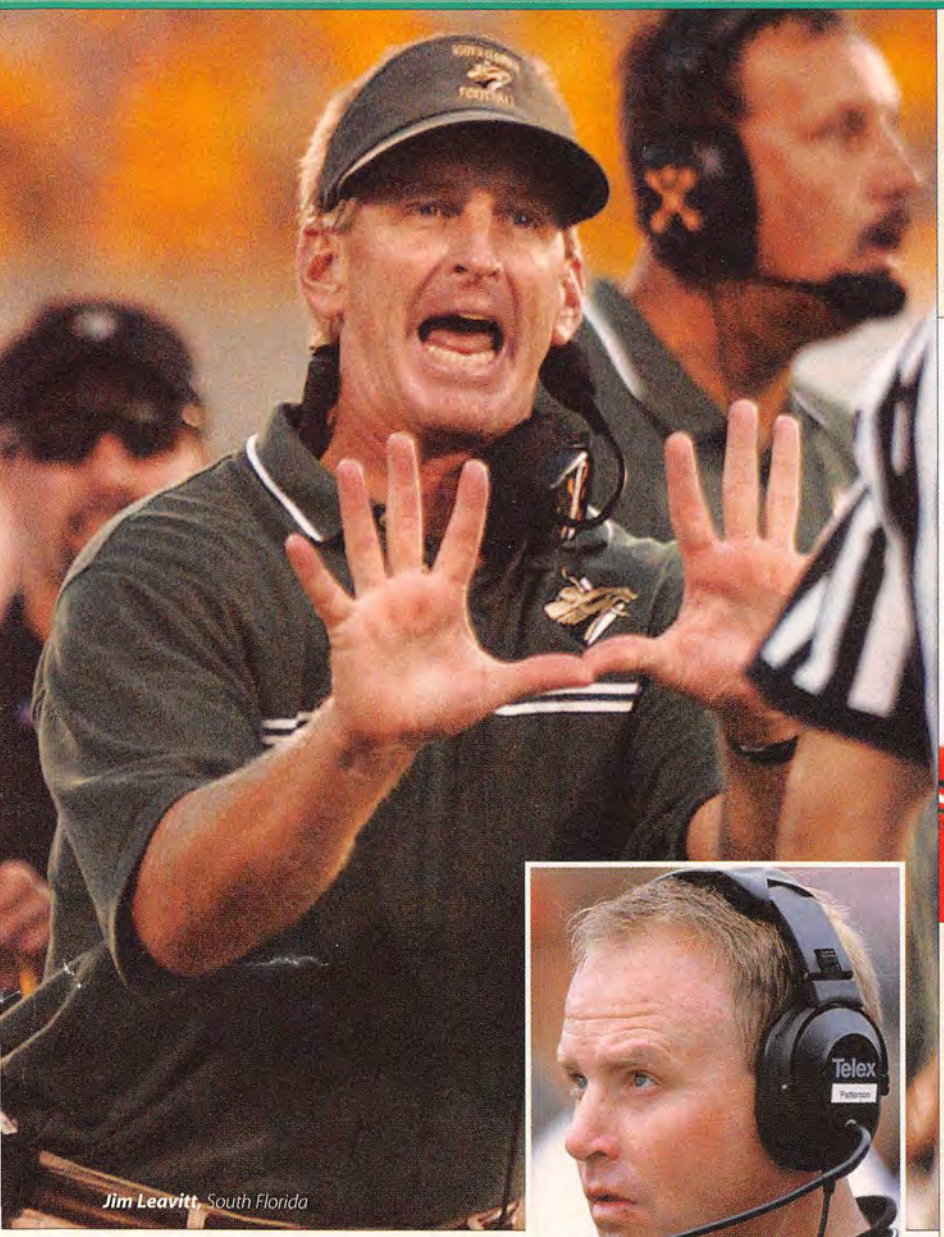
These players will try to shine in the place of last year's biggest names:

◆ When **Brock Berlin** came calling at Miami after transferring from Florida he was expected to automatically replace Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey. But **Derrick Crudup**, who played nine games last year as Dorsey's understudy, will push Berlin into the fall. So may **Marc Guillon**, a redshirt freshman for Dorsey's high school in Miramonte, Calif. By the way, expect **Frank Gore** to replace Willis McGahee in a big way as the Hurricanes' tailback.

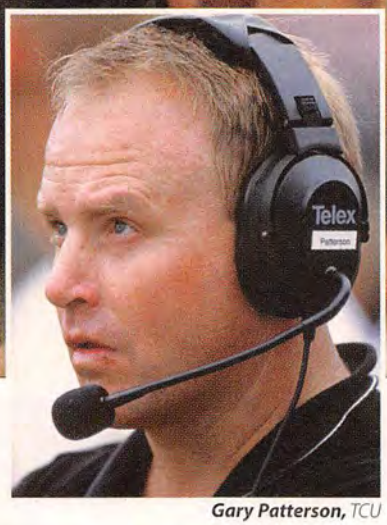
◆ The search for a leading man to replace Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer as Southern California's quarterback began like a four-headed monster from a Hollywood horror flick. Separation was expected to be slow to develop among **Matt Cassel** (Palmer's backup last year has thrown just six career passes), **Brandon Hance** (a transfer from Purdue who started nine games for the Boilermakers in 2001) and sophomores **Matt Leinart** and **Billy Hart**. The winner will be the one who best learns his lines.

◆ For three years, Texas quarterback Chris Simms had Major Applewhite looking over his shoulder. In his senior year Simms was finally the man, but UT is once again 2QBU in 2003. Junior **Chance Mock** was Simms' seldom-used backup in 2002 (he's 6-of-9 in his career for 65 yards), but his knowledge of the Longhorns' offense could keep talented redshirt freshman **Vincent Young** at bay for now.

◆ How do you replace an all-everything, award-winning defensive end like Terrell Suggs and his NCAA-record 24 sacks? Arizona State's coaches hope they have an answer in **Jimmy Verdon**, a senior who started opposite Suggs last year at left end and now assumes the spotlight.



Jim Leavitt, South Florida



Gary Patterson, TCU

UP-AND-COMING COACHES

Athletic directors looking for football coaches will have these guys on their speed dial:

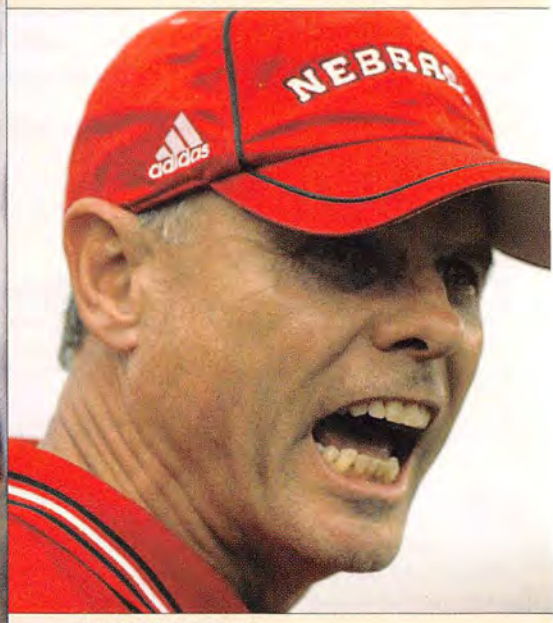
Jim Leavitt, South Florida: His name floated to the top of some pretty high-level coaching searches last year, Alabama among them. But Leavitt has built the Bulls' program from the ground up and seems intent on watching it grow. As Leavitt enters his seventh season with a 44-22 record (9-2 in '02), USF moves into Conference USA competition this year. He has been rewarded with a new five-year contract with a total base salary worth $2.4 million.

Gary Patterson, TCU: Patterson has only been in Forth Worth two seasons (16-9) overall, but the Horned Frogs went 10-2 last year and the nation's No. 1 defense helped them to the C-USA championship. Those kinds of achievements will command a lot of attention from some big-name schools pretty soon.

Charlie Strong, Florida: Not the Gators' head coach but their new defensive coordinator, a job that has become a launching pad for head coaches. With a reputation as a formidable recruiter and a fertile defensive mind, Strong, who arrives from South Carolina, may soon be following predecessors-turned-head coaches like Bob Stoops (Oklahoma), Bob Pruett (Marshall) and previous UF defensive coordinator John Thompson (East Carolina) out the door.

Lincoln when it SIZZLES

These three hot-seat coaches may have a tough time surviving another season of discontent:



***Frank Solich,** Nebraska*

A 7-7 season would be satisfying at some places. At Nebraska, where the Cornhuskers had finished above .500 every year since 1961, it borders on sacrilege. A .500 campaign on the heels of a berth in the National Championship Game has made for one long, hot summer in Cornhuskerland for **Frank Solich**. During the offseason the school switched back to its old uniforms—red jerseys and solid white pants at home, white jerseys and solid red pants on the road. Whether Nebraska can go completely "old school" and start winning like it used to is another matter. Nebraska fans probably don't expect a trip to the Sugar Bowl, but anything less than eight or nine wins and Solich may be shucked.

◆ There was nothing stranger that happened during the 2002 season than the sight of Arizona football players airing their displeasure with coach **John Mackovic's** treatment of them in the media. A close second was seeing Mackovic tearfully apologizing and vowing to change. The bottom line is the Wildcats went 4-8 last season (1-7, Pac-10). Another poor year and the current climate will make it easy for Arizona to move Mackovic from the hot seat to the ejector seat.

◆ There is a chance before the season begins that embattled Mississippi State coach **Jackie Sherrill** won't survive yet another inquiry from NCAA investigators into allegations of recruiting violations and the dreaded "lack of institutional control" in Starkville. Sherrill has vowed to fight back, but the fact that the Bulldogs are 6-17 over the last two seasons with dim prospects again this year, means Sherrill could be on his way out regardless.

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THE TWO-MINUTE DRILL

Ding dong, the NCAA's hated "halo rule" is dead. This year, kick and punt returners won't be protected by the invisible two-yard barrier around them that prohibited would-be tacklers from flying in for the hit.

Once again, anything goes.

"I think it's an unfair rule," LSU coach **Nick Saban** says. "Guys want to go back there and be heroes and don't fair catch the ball when guys get close and they get splattered ought to pay for it. If they fumble they ought to pay for it. I did. If they were close I signaled fair catch."

Ever fumble a punt, Nick?

"I can't remember," Saban says with a smile. "You only remember the good ones."

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In March, the BCS power brokers formed an oversight committee of college CEOs to hash out the possibilities of either an eventual playoff or a new (and improved?) BCS system. The presidents are **Marye Anne Fox** of North Carolina State, **Donna Shalala** of Miami, **Graham Spanier** of Penn State, **Harvey Perlman** of Nebraska, **David Frohnmayer** of Oregon and **Robert Khayat** of Ole Miss.

The current BCS agreement is in place through the 2005-06 bowl games. ABC is in the midst of paying BCS schools $525 million over a seven-year stretch.

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Despite talk at midseason last year that then-Ohio State freshman tailback **Maurice Clarett** might try to challenge the NFL's eligibility rule, American Football Coaches Association Executive Director Grant Teaff doesn't see a change on the horizon. Expect players to have to wait until having completed three years of college before turning pro.

"I don't think we're close," Teaff says. "The NFL has told us they would fight that if someone declares. Then it would take you a year or two to get through the (legal) process."

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The best anecdote from the offseason came out of the AFCA Convention in New Orleans. Outgoing AFCA President **Glen Mason** of Minnesota recalled a recruiting-trip encounter years ago with **Jack Harbaugh**, the former coach of defending Division I-AA champion Western Kentucky.

At the time, Mason was a hungry young assistant at a cash-strapped Division III school while Harbaugh was an assistant at megabucks Michigan. Mason didn't have money for food or a room, so Harbaugh bought him dinner and invited him to bunk in his hotel room.

One problem: only one bed.

"Thirty years later I walk into the hotel here and the first people I see are Jack and his wife," Mason recalled. "I say, 'Congratulations on the national championship.' He says to his wife, 'He needs a place to stay again—and we still have one bed.'"

DIVISION I-A COACHING CHANGES

TEAM	OLD BOSS	NEW BOSS
Alabama	Dennis Franchione/Mike Price	Mike Shula
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Brady Hoke
Baylor	Kevin Steele	Guy Morriss
Bowling Green	Urban Meyer	Gregg Brandon
East Carolina	Steve Logan	John Thompson
Houston	Dana Dimel	Art Briles
Kentucky	Guy Morriss	Rich Brooks
Louisiana-Monroe	Bobby Keasler	Mike Collins
Louisville	John L. Smith	Bob Petrino
Michigan State	Bobby Williams	John L. Smith
Oregon State	Dennis Erickson	Mike Riley
Texas A&M	R.C. Slocum	Dennis Franchione
Tulsa	Keith Burns	Steve Kragthorpe
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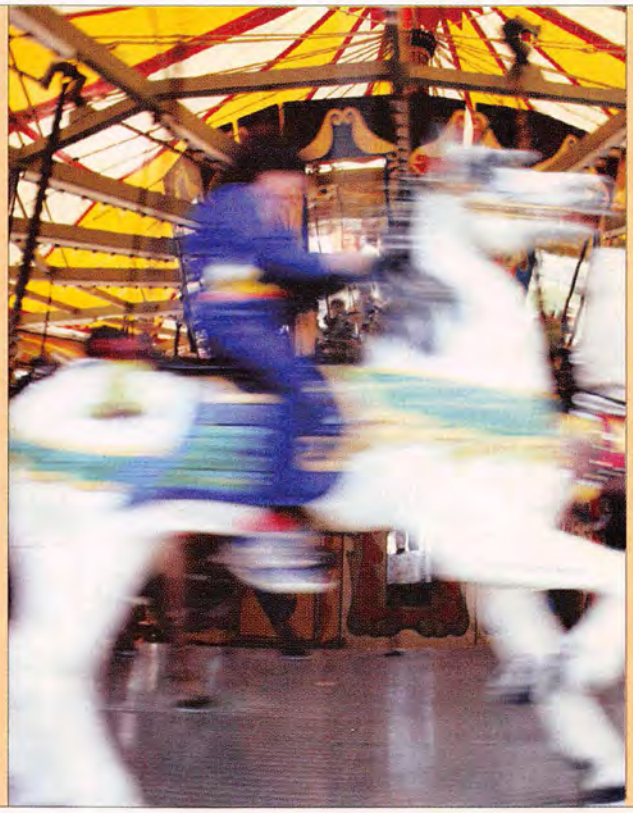

The BCS has had little impact on second-tier bowls, which continue to select their teams based on economic merit almost exclusively.

BY PETE WILLIAMS

Have fans, will travel

When it comes to bowl season, Notre Dame fans have myriad options.

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N.C. State and coach Chuck Amato (center, holding trophy) were all smiles during their trip to the Gator Bowl, which passed over higher-placed ACC finishers Maryland and Virginia to take the Wolfpack and its eager-to-travel fans.

LAST season, the University of Virginia football team offered seemingly everything a second-tier bowl's organizing committee could desire.

The upstart Cavaliers, led by second-year, ex-NFL head coach Al Groh, finished tied for second in the Atlantic Coast Conference. They boasted one of the most potent offenses in the nation and decisive wins over three nationally ranked teams.

But all of that was forgotten when ACC-affiliated bowls made their selections. The Gator Bowl, which had second pick of ACC schools, nabbed North Carolina State, which lost to Virginia and finished behind the Cavaliers and Maryland in the conference standings. The Peach Bowl, which chose the Terrapins, and Tangerine Bowl (Clemson) also opted for teams Virginia defeated.

Who's fooling 'Hoos?

The Cavaliers ended up playing in the conference's fifth-best bowl, the inaugural Continental Tire game in Charlotte, and took out their frustrations by pounding West Virginia, 48-22, to finish the year 9-5.

This year, Groh returns nearly his entire team intact. Yet even a similar or better showing in 2003 is no guarantee that the Cavaliers—or other schools with a track record of poor fan attendance at bowl games—will not be overlooked again.

For conference champions tied into the Bowl Championship Series system, there's no worry of being passed over since the BCS dictates that they play in the Rose, Orange, Sugar or Fiesta bowls. For everyone else, it's a mad scramble for second-tier bids that often are determined with little regard for what happens on the field.

Merit still loses out to bucks

Though school and conference officials tirelessly lobby bowl committees to follow a selection process that reflects conference standings, head-to-head games, national rankings and strength of schedule, those factors usually receive little weight relative to a school's ability to bring legions of fans.

That attendance, of course, is what determines whether a bowl game makes or loses money. Since many bowls are publicly subsidized and break-even propositions at best, they must show an economic impact to ensure their future existence. The only way to do that is to attract hordes of logo-clad fans to fill hotel rooms, restaurants and tourist attractions for a week.

With a cluttered postseason schedule and a bad economy, most bowls do not have the luxury of inviting the most deserving school over one that will bring more fans. Some schools go so far as to guarantee ticket sales, assuming the financial risk of not selling their entire allotment. In effect, they use the spending power of their fans to compensate for a less-deserving performance on the field.

"It's part of the business of college football," says Rick Catlett, the Gator Bowl president and past Bowl Association chairman. "You have to figure out what's best for your game."

For Groh, who was accustomed in the NFL to having his postseason schedule dictated solely by on-field performance, it's difficult to accept factors he cannot control.

"When they talk about issues like 'economic viability' and all that business," he says, "then you understand that they're not really looking at what you've done or listening to what you have to say."

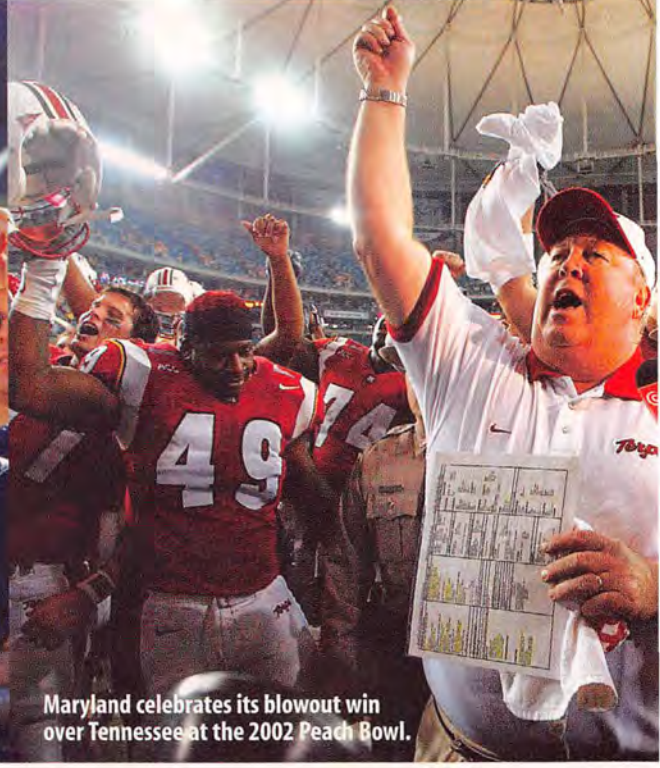
The Notre Dame factor

Like Virginia, West Virginia University thought it deserved to be in the Gator Bowl last season, albeit for different reasons. The Mountaineers, who finished second in the Big East, got bumped from the Gator in favor of Notre Dame. The Irish, with a storied history, national following and tradition of drawing tens of thousands of fans, always win any tie-breaking vote in a bowl-selection process.

Notre Dame, an independent in football but a Big East member in nearly every other sport, was added to the league's portion of the BCS mix after the 1997 season, when the Big East went 0-4 in bowl games. Miami was ineligible because of probation that year.

"It would have been interesting if (Notre Dame) had been in the Big East to see if they'd have finished ahead of us," says West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez. "I'm not sure if they can finish in second place in the Big East. They would have faced three of the top teams in Miami, Virginia Tech and West Virginia."

Michigan Wolverine fans whoop it up at the Outback Bowl.



Maryland celebrates its blowout win over Tennessee at the 2002 Peach Bowl.

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Adding to Rodriguez's frustration was the fact that West Virginia is one of the NCAA's best "traveling" teams, bringing tens of thousands of fans to its postseason games, including an estimated 50,000 to the sold-out Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte.

Fighting the bad-travel rap

Aside from airing grievances through the media, there's little a coach can do to defend his school against a poor-traveling reputation. Last season, Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen sent an e-mail to members of the school's booster club urging them to purchase tickets to the Peach Bowl and stressing that "our future bowl participation may be determined by our fans' attendance."

It didn't matter that the Terrapins had followed up their remarkable 2001 turnaround with a solid 2002 campaign. After getting snubbed by the Gator Bowl, Friedgen feared the Terps would be saddled with a Virginia-like reputation for bowl travel.

"Bowls select teams whose fans have a track record of traveling to support their team," Friedgen wrote to the Maryland boosters. "If you don't think it's important, ask the University of Virginia, who were selected to play in the fifth-pick bowl for the ACC."

Given the spotty travel history of some schools, it's not surprising that some bowl organizers root for teams that don't have to travel at all. If a home team plays in a bowl, the game is assured of selling out. Georgia Tech has made several appearances in the Peach Bowl, most recently in 2000. The University of Miami has played in the Orange Bowl seven times.

Home cooking

Fielding a home team boosts attendance but lessens the economic impact on the host city since fewer fans come from out of town. Bowl organizers will accept that trade-off since the home team tends to generate more excitement and publicity.

Last season, the Outback Bowl in Tampa was ecstatic to land the University of Florida, which is just 125 miles to the north. Not that Outback officials complained about the University of South Carolina, which in the previous two seasons as the SEC's representative brought more than 30,000 fans to Tampa each time.

Surveys conducted by the Outback Bowl indicate out-of-town fans stay an average of three nights and account for between 30,000 and 40,000 hotel-room nights. Even Florida fans tended to make a three-day New Year's vacation out of the Gators' bowl appearance.

"If anything, we saw more Gator fans from Florida in town earlier," says Mike Schulze, director of communications and sponsorship for the Outback Bowl. "If you don't have to worry about the cost of airfare, you might actually come earlier and stay longer."

Of course, the Outback Bowl enjoys the benefit of giving an automatic berth to a team from the SEC, which almost always guarantees a sellout. Since many Southern states do not have professional sports franchises, sports fans tend to adopt the local college team regardless of whether they have any academic or family connection to the school.

That explains why Clemson University and its legions of traveling fans always will be among the ACC's favorite teams of bowl organizers, along with Florida State. The Tigers, who have not contended for a national title in two decades, almost always end up in a bowl one notch above what their record would deserve.

The Pac-10 solution

Is it any wonder then that some schools are calling for conferences to follow the lead of the Pac-10, which requires its affiliated bowls to pick according to the conference's standings?

Pac-10 officials believe the policy keeps schools from promising to buy huge ticket allotments, or in effect bidding for bowl bids. Such a process landed Clemson in Boise, Idaho's Humanitarian Bowl against Louisiana Tech two years ago despite the fact that the Tigers had won only five games against Division I teams.

That policy is unlikely to be adopted elsewhere, not with so many Clemsons and Notre Dames available to bowl organizers. For everyone else, it's all they can do to win as many games as possible and then hope that their fans travel with their wallets and win an attendance showdown that's become every bit as important as what transpires on the field.

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ACC *Predicted order of finish:*

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Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Airese Currie**, WR, Clemson
Best hands: **Heath Miller**, TE, Virginia
Best passing QB: **Matt Schaub**, Virginia
Best option QB: **Cory Randolph**, Wake Forest
Most elusive RB: **Bruce Perry**, Maryland
Best instincts: **Derrick Hamilton**, WR, Clemson
Best athlete: **Steve Suter**, WR, Maryland
Best under pressure: **Philip Rivers**, QB, N.C. State
Top NFL prospect: **Michael Boulware**, LB, Florida State
Top impact freshman: **Ahmad Brooks**, LB, Virginia
Hardest hitter: **Kendyll Pope**, LB, Florida State
Biggest underachiever: **A.J. Suggs**, QB, Georgia Tech

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Ralph Friedgen**, Maryland
Best recruiter: **Al Groh**, Virginia
Coach on the spot: **Tommy Bowden**, Clemson

Don't be surprised if ...

Maryland tailback **Bruce Perry** regains the form that made him the ACC's Offensive Player of the Year in 2001. Perry, a senior, missed most of last season with a groin injury.

One man's opinion

"To win this thing, I still think you got to go through Tallahassee. To me, they're so talent-laden, they just reload. It's incredible."

—an ACC assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. North Carolina State
Potentially the best class in school history.

2. North Carolina
Heels rebound impressively from 2002 recruiting effort.

3. Florida State
Linebacker Ernie Sims might be the nation's No. 1 recruit.

4. Virginia
Second straight strong class for Groh and Co.

5. Maryland
Terps clean up in talent-rich D.C. area.

6. Clemson
Solid but unspectacular class.

7. Georgia Tech
Unheralded class includes three quarterbacks.

8. Wake Forest
Quarterback Ben Mauk passed for 6,540 yards and 76 TDs as 12th-grader in 2002.

9. Duke
Blue Devils had only one senior in 2002; signed just 14 players.

'Noles no longer strike fear on Tobacco Road

By JEFF WHITE
Richmond Times-Dispatch

After stumbling in 2001, Florida State returned to its customary spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference last season, winning the title for the 10th time in 11 seasons. So why is the rest of the ACC so upbeat heading into the 2003 season?

Easy.

Bobby Bowden's once-mighty Seminoles struggled outside the conference in 2002 and then endured a tumultuous offseason marked by arrests and legal problems. The 'Noles return considerable talent, as usual, but never have they looked so vulnerable to their ACC counterparts. All of this should make for a compelling season filled with numerous story lines, as Maryland, North Carolina State and Maryland—the leading candidates to do so—try to unseat Florida State. All four teams figure to start the season ranked in the Top 25.

The ACC set an NCAA record last season when 78 percent of its teams (7 of 9) received bowl bids. Four ACC teams won their postseason games, with three posting impressive victories that stamped them as 2003 contenders. N.C. State humbled Notre Dame 28-6 in the Gator Bowl, while Maryland hammered Tennessee 30-3 in the Peach and Virginia demolished West Virginia 48-22 in the inaugural Continental Tire.

For the first time in several years, the ACC had no turnover among its head coaches. That may not be the case next year if Clemson and Duke don't progress. The Tigers are 29-20 in four seasons under Tommy Bowden, and Carl Franks is 5-40 in four seasons at Duke, his alma mater.

The league has two Heisman Trophy candidates: senior quarterbacks Philip Rivers and Matt Schaub. Rivers is a three-year starter at N.C. State and already ranks fifth in career passing yardage in the ACC. Schaub was the ACC Player of the Year in 2002 after helping the Cavaliers, who were picked to finish eighth in the conference, tie for second.

Games to watch

Maryland at Florida State, Sept. 6
Terps are 0-13 against the Seminoles.

N.C. State at Ohio State, Sept. 13
Wolfpack finally upgrades its schedule.

Virginia at Maryland, Nov. 13
Cavaliers have won 10 of last 11 games in this series.

ALL-ACC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Matt Schaub**, sr., Virginia
RB—**T.A. McLendon**, so., N.C. State
RB—**Bruce Perry**, sr., Maryland
WR—**Jerricho Cotchery**, sr., N.C. State
WR—**Derrick Hamilton**, jr., Clemson
TE—**Heath Miller**, so., Virginia
OL—**Nat Dorsey**, jr., Georgia Tech
OL—**Elton Brown**, jr., Virginia
OL—**Chris Colmer**, sr., N.C. State
OL—**Lamar Bryant**, sr., Maryland
OL—**Tyson Clabo**, sr., Wake Forest
PK—**Nick Novak**, jr., Maryland

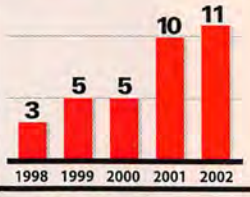
DEFENSE

DL—**Randy Starks**, jr., Maryland
DL—**Chris Canty**, jr., Virginia
DL—**Darnell Dockett**, sr., Florida State
DL—**Khaleed Vaughn**, sr., Clemson
LB—**Michael Boulware**, sr., Florida State
LB—**Darryl Blackstock**, so., Virginia
LB—**Kendyll Pope**, sr., Florida State
DB—**Dexter Reid**, sr., North Carolina
DB—**Madieu Williams**, sr., Maryland
DB—**Justin Miller**, so., Clemson
DB—**Domonique Foxworth**, jr., Maryland
P—**Trey McDonald**, jr., Duke

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Northern Illinois		
S.6	@ Florida State	L	10-37
S.13	The Citadel		
S.20	West Virginia		
S.27	@ Eastern Michigan	W	45-3
O.4	Clemson	W	30-12
O.11	Duke	W	45-12
O.23	@ Georgia Tech	W	34-10
N.1	North Carolina	W	59-7
N.13	Virginia	L	13-48
N.22	@ N.C. State	W	24-21
N.29	@ Wake Forest	W	32-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 56/10

OFFENSE

QB	7	Scott McBrien (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	16	Joel Statham (6-1, 205, R-Fr.)
FB	44	Bernie Fiddler (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	9	Jason Crawford (6-2, 219, Jr.)
TB	1	Bruce Perry (5-9, 192, Sr.)
	33	Josh Allen (5-11, 204, So.)
LT	70	Stephon Heyer (6-6, 293, So.)
	78	Ryan Flynn (6-4, 266, Jr.)
LG	74	C.J. Brooks (6-6, 323, Jr.)
	77	Russell Bonham (6-4, 305, So.)
C	72	Kyle Schmitt (6-5, 302, Jr.)
	68	Ryan McDonald (6-2, 287, So.)
RG	73	Lamar Bryant (6-3, 308, Sr.)
	60	Akil Patterson (6-3, 287, So.)
RT	75	Eric Dumas (6-6, 315, Sr.)
	79	Lou Lombardo (6-6, 306, Jr.)
TE	82	Jeff Dugan (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	86	Brad Schell (6-5, 253, R-Fr.)
WR	4	Latrez Harrison (6-3, 223, Sr.)
	19	Jafar Williams (6-2, 211, Sr.)
WR	34	Steve Suter (5-9, 188, Jr.)
	85	Dan Melendez (6-2, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	54	Scott Smith (6-4, 255, Sr.)
	41	Kevin Eli (6-4, 272, Jr.)
NT	64	Justin Duffie (6-2, 293, So.)
	91	Robert Armstrong (6-4, 307, Fr.)
DT	57	Randy Starks (6-4, 304, Jr.)
	99	Landon Jones (6-4, 248, Sr.)
SLB	24	Leroy Ambush (6-1, 223, Sr.)
	58	Ricardo Dickerson (6-3, 238, So.)
MLB	48	William Kershaw (6-3, 217, So.)
	53	Reggie Holmes (6-1, 257, R-Fr.)
WLB	32	Leon Joe (6-1, 223, Sr.)
	52	D'Qwell Jackson (6-1, 217, So.)
CB	6	Domonique Foxworth (5-11, 175, Jr.)
	17	Reuben Haigler (6-0, 179, Sr.)
CB	30	Curome Cox (6-1, 201, Sr.)
	37	Jamal Chance (6-1, 191, Sr.)
SS	13	Dennard Wilson (5-11, 189, Sr.)
	23	Andrew Smith, Jr. (6-0, 204, Sr.)
FS	10	Madieu Williams (6-1, 191, Sr.)
	26	Raymond Custis (5-8, 186, Jr.)
ROV	49	Jamahl Cochran (6-0, 246, Jr.)
	45	Shawne Merriman (6-3, 246, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	46	Nick Novak (6-0, 196, Jr.)
		Daniel Ennis (6-0, 145, R-Fr.)
P	36	Adam Podlesh (5-10, 215, R-Fr.)
		Max Rosenthal (6-2, 190, So.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

Maryland TERRAPINS

2002 Record: 11-3 overall, 6-2 ACC *(beat Tennessee in the Peach Bowl, 30-3)*

Official athletic Web site: www.umterps.com

'Fridge' has them believing in College Park, where hopes are high for Perry's return

A one-hit wonder Ralph Friedgen was not. In 2001, his first season as coach at his alma mater, Friedgen guided Maryland to its first ACC title in 16 years. For an encore, he led the Terrapins to their first 11-win season in 26 years. Maryland (11-3, 6-2 ACC) finished tied for second in the ACC with Virginia, won 10 of its final 11 games and closed by trashing Tennessee in the Peach Bowl.

From his predecessor, Ron Vanderlinden, Friedgen inherited more talent than anyone realized, and the big guy has molded it magnificently. Maryland led the ACC with seven first-team all-conference selections in 2001. The Terrapins placed a school-record eight players on the All-ACC first team last season, and they look loaded again this year.

Three of those first-teamers return: return specialist Steve Suter, kicker Nick Novak and cornerback Domonique Foxworth. All are juniors. Also back are three players who made the second team: senior offensive guard Lamar Bryant, junior defensive tackle Randy Starks and senior safety Madieu Williams, who began his career at Division I-AA Towson.

In all, 17 starters return, but the losses were significant. Chris Downs rushed for an ACC-high 1,154 yards in 2002, Brooks Barnard led the league in punting and offensive tackle Matt Crawford and center Todd Wike made the all-conference first team. And let's not forget linebacker E.J. Henderson, the Butkus Award winner and twice the ACC's Defensive Player of the Year.

Of Maryland's returning starters, 12 are seniors and five are juniors, so rebuilding may be required for 2004. But this team has the talent, the experience and the schedule to challenge for a Bowl Championship Series bid.

Maryland's non-conference schedules were less than daunting in Friedgen's first two seasons, and there's been no upgrade in 2003. In 2001, the Terps played Eastern Michigan, West Virginia and Troy State. In 2002, Maryland's "Murderers' Row" consisted of Akron, Eastern Michigan, I-AA Wofford and West Virginia. In 2003, the Terrapins take on Northern Illinois, I-AA Citadel, WVU and Eastern Michigan.

The Terps ranked second among ACC teams in scoring offense (32.2 points per game) last season, in part because of the dramatic strides quarterback Scott McBrien made over the course of the fall. A transfer from West Virginia, McBrien threw for 2,497 yards. Among ACC quarterbacks, he trailed only Virginia's Matt Schaub in passing efficiency.

Six of Maryland's top seven wideouts from 2002 return, so McBrien will have no shortage of talented targets. The corps' leaders are senior Jafar Williams (28 catches for 562 yards) and Latrez Harrison (20 for 369), but the electrifying Suter's role is expected to grow.

A healthy Bruce Perry means the loss of Downs won't sting so much for Maryland. Perry, the ACC's Offensive Player of the Year in 2001, missed much of last season with a groin injury. Others back on offense include senior Jeff Dugan, whom Friedgen calls the ACC's best blocking tight end, guards Bryant and C.J. Brooks, plus tackle Eric Dumas. Bryant was second-team All-ACC a year ago.

On defense, Henderson will be missed, but the Terps are stocked with talented linebackers ranging from seniors Leroy Ambush and Leon Joe (103 tackles in 2002) to sophomores D'Qwell Jackson and Shawne Merriman. Also back is junior Jamahl Cochran, who started 13 games at outside 'backer. What might be the ACC's best secondary returns all four starters and features All-America candidates Williams and Foxworth, along with senior cornerback Curome Cox, who has 33 career starts.

The Terps, who employ a three-man front, have yet another potential All-American in the 6-4, 304-pound Starks, who had 93 tackles and 6.5 sacks in 2002. Also back is senior nose tackle C.J. Feldheim, who started the first eight games last season before tearing his right ACL.

Bruce Perry, *RB*

ROB BROWN/SPORTPICS

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Byrd Stadium **Capacity:** 48,055 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Ralph Friedgen,** 3rd Year **Record:** 21-5 **Career Record:** 21-5	**Gary Blackney** (def. coord./secondary), **Tom Brattan** (off. line), **James Franklin** (WRs), **Mike Locksley** (RBs/recruit.coord.), **Bill O'Brien** (ILBs), **Ray Rychleski** (special teams coord./TEs), **Al Seamonson** (OLBs/special teams asst.), **Dave Sollazzo** (def. line), **Charlie Taaffe** (off. coord./QBs), **Tom Deahn** (dir.of football oper.), **Dwight Galt** (dir. of strength and cond.)

Florida State SEMINOLES

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

2002 Record: 9-5 overall, 7-1 ACC *(lost to Georgia in the Sugar Bowl, 26-13)*

Official athletic Web site: www.seminoles.com

If Rix can be leader Bowden craves, 'Noles could make return to the good ole days

As they try to regain their place among the nation's elite, the Seminoles will have to do it the hard way. Not only must Florida State (9-5, 7-1) face such ACC title contenders as N.C. State and Maryland and Virginia, it once again plays a grueling non-conference schedule, its trademark under legendary coach Bobby Bowden. The 'Noles visit Notre Dame and Florida and entertain Colorado and Miami.

Its ACC title aside, Florida State won't look back on 2002 with great fondness. It went 2-4 outside the conference and lost the aura of invincibility it has enjoyed for much of Bowden's tenure. Against top-ranked Miami, Xavier Beitia missed a 43-yard field-goal attempt on the game's final play, as the Seminoles lost 28-27. Quarterback Chris Rix, the ACC's Rookie of the Year in 2001, drew criticism from teammates, lost his starting job after seven games and was replaced by Adrian McPherson. Bowden later dismissed McPherson, who then found himself at the center of a probe into gambling at FSU.

Rix returned to lead Florida State past Florida in the regular-season finale but missed the Sugar Bowl after being suspended for missing a final exam. Also suspended for that game, a 26-13 loss to Georgia, was star defensive tackle Darnell Dockett, who'd been charged with shoplifting. Then, in April, starting noseguard Travis Johnson was arrested and charged with sexual battery and false imprisonment.

For Bowden, who with 332 career wins trails only Penn State's Joe Paterno among major-college coaches, the best offseason news might have been Rix's play in spring practice.

"He's ready," Bowden says. "The kids accept him. He's older than most of them, and so we're back to where we ought to be at that position."

The Seminoles should have the ACC's best defense, and this unit may have to carry the team while an inexperienced offense develops. Rix, a junior who passed for 1,684 yards and 13 TDs last season, is among only four returning starters on a unit that lost three linemen who made first- or second-team All-ACC. The others are junior tackle Ray Willis, sophomore fullback B.J. Dean and senior tailback Greg Jones, who's something of a question mark. Jones, the ACC's leading rusher last season, is returning from the torn ACL he suffered Nov. 2 against Wake Forest. But the 'Noles are stocked at tailback. In addition to Jones, sophomores Willie Reid and Leon Washington return, and Lorenzo Booker, who redshirted last season, might have been the nation's top high school player in 2001.

Up front, Willis has the most experience, but junior tackle Alex Barron (6-6, 316 pounds) and junior center David Castillo started eight games between them in 2002. Of FSU's projected starters on the line and at tight end, none is a senior. The Seminoles lost three of their top four receivers, including second-team All-ACC pick Anquan Boldin (65 catches for 1,011 yards and 13 TDs), who bolted early for the NFL. Rix's targets this season include juniors P.K. Sam, Dominic Robinson and Craphonso Thorpe, who had a 40-yard TD catch in the Sugar Bowl.

Bowden must replace second-team All-ACC punter Chance Gwaltney, but Beitia is back for his junior season. He wasn't as consistent in 2002 as he'd been in 2001, when he was second-team All-ACC, but Beitia is a major talent. So, too, is Washington, who averaged 28.3 yards on 13 kickoff returns.

JOE ROBBINS

Chris Rix, *QB*

Veteran defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews has 10 starters back. The big loss was All-ACC end Alonzo Jackson. Even if Johnson can't play, FSU has another stellar noseguard in senior Jeff Womble, who started in 2000 and '01 but was slowed by injuries last season. Dockett had to sit out spring practice but has been cleared to play this season. He made the All-ACC first team in 2001 and is FSU's all-time leader in tackles for loss. Also back on the line is senior end Kevin Emanuel, who had 15 tackles for loss last season.

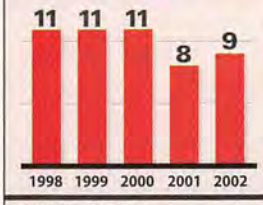
Florida State's corps of linebackers has few peers. As juniors, outside 'backers Kendyll Pope and Michael Boulware made the All-ACC second team, and they're All-America candidates this season. Pope led FSU with 131 tackles in 2002, and Boulware had 127. Back in the middle is senior Allen Augustin.

The secondary should be outstanding, too. Five players who started at least seven games return: senior cornerbacks Stanford Samuels and Rufus Brown, junior rover Jerome Carter and junior safeties Kyler Hall and B.J. Ward.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ North Carolina	W	40-14
S.6	Maryland	W	37-10
S.13	Georgia Tech	W	21-13
S.20	Colorado		
S.27	@ Duke	W	48-17
O.11	Miami (FL)	L	27-28
O.18	@ Virginia	W	40-19
O.25	Wake Forest	W	34-21
N.1	@ Notre Dame	L	24-34
N.8	@ Clemson	W	48-31
N.15	N.C. State	L	7-17
N.29	@ Florida	W	31-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/21

OFFENSE		
QB	16	Chris Rix (6-4, 205, Jr.)
	12	Fabian Walker (6-2, 216, Jr.)
FB	35	B.J. Dean (5-11, 256, So.)
	20	Torrance Washington (6-1, 245, So.)
TB	6	Greg Jones (6-1, 248, Sr.)
	26	Willie Reid (5-10, 190, So.)
LT	70	Alex Barron (6-6, 316, Jr.)
LG	64	Matt Meinrod (6-4, 297, So.)
	57	Matt Heinz (6-4, 273, So.)
C	63	David Castillo (6-2, 300, Jr.)
	60	Andrew Henry-Kennon (6-4, 308, So.)
RG	73	Bobby Meeks (6-3, 295, Jr.)
	65	Eric Broe (6-6, 327, So.)
RT	77	Ray Willis (6-6, 295, Jr.)
	72	Ron Lunford (6-5, 345, So.)
TE	38	Paul Irons (6-2, 250, Jr.)
	14	Matt Henshaw (6-4, 209, So.)
WR	21	Dominic Robinson (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	1	Craphonso Thorpe (6-2, 175, Jr.)
WR	81	P.K. Sam (6-3, 195, Jr.)
	86	Joey Kaleikini (6-0, 198, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	90	Kevin Emanuel (6-4, 240, Sr.)
	95	Kamerion Wimbley (6-4, 225, So.)
DT	52	Brodrick Bunkley (6-3, 260, So.)
		Edgar Ter-Oganessian (6-2, 260, Jr.)
NG	99	Travis Johnson (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	91	Jeff Womble (6-3, 290, Sr.)
DE	55	Eric Moore (6-4, 245, Jr.)
	59	Charles Howard (6-3, 233, Jr.)
SLB	58	Michael Boulware (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	56	Ray Piquion (6-0, 215, Jr.)
MLB	40	Allen Augustin (6-1, 206, Sr.)
	44	Sam McGrew (6-3, 230, So.)
WLB	9	Kendyll Pope (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	54	A.J. Nicholson (6-2, 232, So.)
CB	10	Stanford Samuels (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	32	Leroy Smith (5-10, 190, Jr.)
CB	7	Rufus Brown (5-9, 185, Sr.)
	8	Bryant McFadden (6-0, 182, Jr.)
FS	41	Kyler Hall (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	24	B.J. Ward (6-3, 210, Jr.)
ROV	23	Jerome Carter (6-0, 216, Jr.)
	27	Claudius Osei (6-0, 195, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	47	Xavier Beitia (5-10, 210, Jr.)
	37	Chase Goggins (5-9, 160, Fr.)
P	31	Chris Hall (5-10, 204, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Doak Campbell Stadium
Capacity: 80,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Bobby Bowden, 28th Year
Record: 259-64-4
Career Record: 332-96-4

ASST. COACHES
Mickey Andrews (assoc. head coach/def. coord.), **Jeff Bowden** (off. coord./WRs), **Billy Sexton** (assist. head coach/RBs), **Kevin Steele** (LBs), **Jody Allen** (DEs), **Daryl Dickey** (QBs), **Odell Haggins** (DTs), **Jimmy Heggins** (off. line), **Jon Jost** (strength and conditioning), **John Lilly** (TEs/recruiting coord.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 3

North Carolina State
WOLFPACK

2002 Record: 11-3 overall, 5-3 ACC *(beat Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl, 28-6)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gopack.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Western Carolina		
S.6	@ Wake Forest	W	32-13
S.13	@ Ohio State		
S.20	Texas Tech	W (OT)	51-48
S.27	North Carolina	W	34-17
O.4	@ Georgia Tech	L	17-24
O.11	Connecticut		
O.18	Clemson	W	38-6
O.25	@ Duke	W	24-22
N.1	Virginia	W	14-9
N.15	@ Florida State	W	17-7
N.22	Maryland	L	21-24

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/17

OFFENSE

QB	17	Philip Rivers (6-5, 236, Sr.)
	10	Jay Davis (6-2, 198, So.)
TB	44	T.A. McLendon (5-11, 215, So.)
	26	Josh Brown (5-10, 185, Jr.)
OT	70	Chris Colmer (6-6, 305, Sr.)
	78	James Newby (6-6, 265, Fr.)
OG	76	Ricky Fowler (6-2, 287, Jr.)
	71	Antoine Colvin (6-3, 304, So.)
C	53	Jed Paulson (6-2, 290, Jr.)
	61	Brandon Sanders (6-0, 281, Sr.)
OG	54	Sean Locklear (6-5, 296, Sr.)
	58	Brian Archis (6-4, 270, So.)
OT	71	Derek Morris (6-6, 358, Fr.)
	77	John McKeon (6-5, 306, So.)
TE	15	John Ritcher (6-3, 248, So.)
	80	T.J. Williams (6-4, 236, So.)
WR	21	Tramain Hall (5-11, 183, So.)
	6	Richard Washington (6-0, 164, Fr.)
WR	5	Sterling Hicks (6-2, 180, Jr.)
	86	Andy Bertrand (6-2, 191, Jr.)
WR	82	Jerricho Cotchery (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	87	Brian Clark (6-3, 198, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	9	Mario Williams (6-7, 254, Fr.)
	11	Terrance Chapman (6-3, 250, Sr.)
DT	94	Alan Halloway (6-2, 285, Sr.)
	92	Sheldon Lewin (6-4, 270, Sr.)
DT	63	John McCargo (6-2, 286, Fr.)
	72	DeMarcus Tyler (6-3, 308, Fr.)
DE	96	Renaldo Moses (6-6, 210, So.)
		Chip Cross (6-1, 248, So.)
SLB	91	Manny Lawson (6-5, 216, So.)
MLB	31	Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (6-1, 224, Jr.)
	22	Oliver Hoyte (6-3, 230, So.)
WLB	52	Pat Thomas (6-2, 224, Jr.)
	39	Roger Pollard (6-0, 216, Sr.)
CB	1	Marcus Hudson (6-2, 183, Jr.)
	2	Greg Golden (5-11, 185, Jr.)
CB	28	Lamont Reid (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	14	Dovonte Edwards (6-0, 170, Jr.)
FS	27	Troy Graham (6-3, 193, Jr.)
	8	Victor Stephens (6-0, 172, Sr.)
ROV	36	Andre Maddox (6-1, 191, Jr.)
	4	J.J. Jones (6-0, 185, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	30	Austin Herbert (6-0, 207, Sr.)
	21	Adam Kiker (6-0, 185, Sr.)
P	30	Austin Herbert (6-0, 207, Sr.)
	12	John Deraney (6-4, 208, Fr.)

ACC champion will have to run through a 'Rivers' in Raleigh

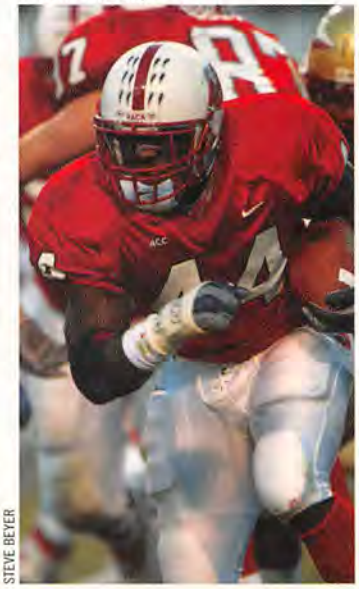
Nothing raises an up-and-coming team's national profile like beating Florida State in the regular-season finale and then whipping Notre Dame in a bowl game.

Just ask North Carolina State.

After opening last season with nine straight wins—most against less-than-daunting competition—the Wolfpack (11-3, 5-3) had dropped three straight heading into its Nov. 23 game with ACC champion Florida State. Critics pointed to the Pack's weak schedule and labeled the team a fraud, but coach Chuck Amato and his players had the last word. State upended the Seminoles 17-7 in Raleigh. For an encore, the Wolfpack humbled Notre Dame 28-6 in the Gator Bowl to cap the finest season in school history.

State, which never had won more than nine games in a season, came in at No. 12 in the final Associated Press poll. The Wolfpack is shooting for the Top 10 this season. It has a Heisman Trophy candidate in quarterback Philip Rivers and future pros at tailback (sophomore T.A. McLendon) and wide receiver (senior Jerricho Cotchery). What it lacks is experience on the defensive line. If Amato's young linemen progress quickly, this could be another storybook season for the Wolfpack.

T.A. McLendon, RB



STEVE BEYER

From the ACC's most prolific offense (32.9 ppg), seven starters return, led by the Big Three. State was the first team in ACC history to have a 3,000-yard passer (Rivers), a 1,000-yard rusher (McLendon) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Cotchery) in the same season. Rivers' throwing motion is unorthodox, but his instincts are uncanny. A second-team All-ACC choice, Rivers threw for 3,353 yards and 20 TDs last season while completing 62.7 percent of his passes.

McLendon, the ACC's second-leading rusher, was the conference's Rookie of the Year. He also became one of only 10 true freshmen to have been named first-team All-ACC. Cotchery, too, was selected for the first team after totaling a league-high 1,192 yards receiving. His fellow receivers include junior Sterling Hicks, who started seven games and caught 37 passes in 2002, and two talented sophomores who were ineligible last season, Tramain Hall and Richard Washington.

The Pack's biggest losses on offense were All-ACC tight end Sean Berton, second-team All-ACC guard Shane Riggs and wideout Bryan Peterson (42 catches). Three starters return up front: senior guard Sean Locklear, junior center Jed Paulson and senior tackle Chris Colmer, a second-team All-ACC pick. At the other tackle is likely to be massive freshman Derek Morris (6-6, 358 pounds), a former *Parade* All-American who originally signed with Ohio State.

N.C. State placed two defenders on last year's All-ACC first team: linebacker Dantonio Burnette and safety Terrence Holt. Both were seniors, as was end Shawn Price, who made the second team. Price was one of five defensive linemen who started at least eight games last season, and all are gone. How far the Pack climbs in '03 may hinge on how well their replacements play. Fortunately for State, senior end Terrance Chapman is back. Chapman, ineligible last season, led the team in sacks in 2001. Look for freshman end Mario Williams (6-7, 254) to have an immediate impact. Williams, who's been compared to Carolina Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers, graduated from high school in December and went through spring practice with the 'Pack.

State's latest marquee linebacker is junior Pat Thomas, who had 106 tackles last season and was voted the team's Outstanding Defensive Player in the spring. Other veterans are junior Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay and senior Roger Pollard, who started 10 games between them in 2002. The linebacker to watch, however, might be 6-5, 216-pound sophomore Manny Lawson, an off-the-charts athlete who had nine tackles in the Gator Bowl and led the nation with three blocked punts last season.

The secondary should be stellar. Returning starters are junior rover Andre Maddox, who had 122 tackles a year ago, and junior cornerbacks Marcus Hudson and Lamont Reid.

"I feel great about our corners," says Amato, who is 26-12 in three seasons at his alma mater. "They were dominating last year."

State's special teams weren't shabby, either. Reid tied an ACC single-season mark by returning two kickoffs for TDs, and the 'Pack blocked a school-record 10 kicks. Starting punter Austin Herbert returns, as does kicker Adam Kiker (5-for-7 on field goals, 14-for-16 on extra points).

STADIUM INFO
Name: Carter-Finley Stadium
Capacity: 51,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Chuck Amato, 4th Year
Record: 18-8
Career Record: 18-8

ASST. COACHES
Michael Barry (OL), **Curt Cignetti** (TEs/recruiting coord.), **Chris Demarest** (DBs), **Manny Diaz** (LBs), **John Holliday** (WRs/asst. head coach), **Joe Pate** (DL), **Dick Portee** (RBs), **Greg Williams** (DBs), **Todd Stroud** (strength and conditioning)

Virginia CAVALIERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

2002 Record: 9-5 overall, 6-2 ACC *(beat West Virginia in the Continental Tire Bowl, 48-22)*

Official athletic Web site: www.virginiasports.com

Youth movement still on in Charlottesville, but QB Schaub offers leadership aplenty

A year ago, media that cover the ACC picked the Cavaliers to finish eighth in the nine-team conference. No one is underestimating third-year coach Al Groh's club this time around.

Conventional wisdom holds that major-college teams who rely heavily on first-year players are destined for mediocrity—if not failure—but Virginia proved otherwise in 2002. It capped a remarkable season by pummeling favored West Virginia 48-22 in the Continental Tire Bowl and then cracked the final Associated Press poll at No. 22.

Groh, the ACC Coach of the Year, played 14 members of his touted freshman class, including tailback Wali Lundy, linebacker Darryl Blackstock, fullback Jason Snelling, safety Willie Davis and offensive tackles D'Brickashaw Ferguson and Brad Butler. Moreover, three redshirt freshmen started for the Cavs (9-5, 6-2), among them second-team all-conference pick Heath Miller, whose nine touchdown receptions were an ACC record for a tight end, and defensive end Brennan Schmidt, whose 87 tackles were the most ever by a freshman lineman at UVa.

This is still a young team, but the large majority of the players who helped the Cavaliers tie for second in the ACC with Maryland—which they hammered 48-13 late in the regular season—are back, led by senior quarterback Matt Schaub.

The reigning ACC Player of the Year, Schaub passed for a school-record 2,976 yards and an ACC-high 28 touchdowns. He was intercepted only seven times and completed 68.9 percent of his passes. Schaub is among nine returning starters on offense. Eight are back on defense, as well as kicker Connor Hughes and punter Tom Hagan, who were true freshmen in 2002. More good news for Groh: His best offensive lineman, senior center Kevin Bailey, is back after missing all but two games with a knee injury last season.

Groh must replace wideout Billy McMullen, one of the most productive players in school history, and linebacker Angelo Crowell, Virginia's leading tackler each of the past two seasons. Both were first-team All-ACC in 2002. Also gone are offensive tackle Mike Mullins, linebacker Merrill Robertson and safeties Jerton Evans (second-team All-ACC in 2002) and Shernard Newby (second-team All-ACC in 2001). Moreover, offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave left to take the same position with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, though Groh says Virginia's offensive philosophy hasn't changed.

Its record notwithstanding, UVa. overpowered few opponents last season. The Cavaliers ranked fourth among ACC teams in scoring offense (28.7 ppg) but last in total offense, largely because they had a patchwork offensive line and struggled to establish a consistent running game. Look for a more balanced attack this season. Schaub will still be featured, but the Cavs should be able to run with authority, too. Lundy, also a brilliant receiver, rushed for 127 yards in the Tire Bowl, and his backup at tailback, junior Marquis Weeks, ran for 129 in a win over N.C. State.

Four linemen who started at least eight games return, including junior guard Elton Brown, sophomore guard Brian Barthelmes and Ferguson. The 6-6, 333-pound Brown, a devastating blocker, is one of the ACC's most physically imposing players. Also back are tight ends Miller, an All-America candidate, and Patrick Estes, a junior who had four TD catches last season.

The receiving corps will miss McMullen, but seniors Michael McGrew (27 catches, 428 yards) and Ryan Sawyer, junior Ottowa Anderson and sophomore Marques Hagans, a converted quarterback, are talented enough to ease the pain of McMullen's departure.

On defense, two of the most celebrated members of Virginia's 2002 recruiting class will make their debuts: linebackers Ahmad Brooks and Kai Parham. Brooks, *USA Today's* Defensive Player of the Year in 2001, spent last fall at a prep school but enrolled at UVa. in January. Parham, a *Parade* All-American in 2001, redshirted last season while rehabbing a back injury. Both will contend for starting jobs.

Virginia was fifth in the ACC in scoring defense (24.9 ppg) but eighth in rushing defense last season. The front line of the Cavaliers' 3-4 alignment underwent serious on-the-job training. It got pushed around early but improved late in the year and should be an asset this season. Junior end Chris Canty is 6-7, 285 pounds and was a second-team All-ACC choice. Schmidt returns at the other end, while junior Andrew Hoffman (6-5, 285) is back at nose tackle.

The 6-4, 230-pound Blackstock set an ACC freshman record for sacks with 10 and was honored as the nation's top freshman defender by several publications. Back at inside linebacker is junior Rich Bedesem, who impressed after joining the first team late in the season. Senior Raymond Mann and junior Dennis Haley are battling to start at the outside spot. Mann, slowed by a knee injury last season, has 15 career starts.

Senior cornerbacks Almondo Curry and Jamaine Winborne anchor the secondary. Curry ranks second among current Cavaliers with six career sacks. Junior Jermaine Hardy, a backup corner the past two seasons, has blossomed at safety, where he'll start next to Davis or junior Jay Dorsey.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Scott Stadium
Capacity: 61,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Al Groh, 3rd Year
Record: 14-12
Career Record: 40-52

ASST. COACHES
Dan Rocco (assist. head coach/LBs), **Al Golden** (def. coord.), **Corwin Brown** (special teams), **Mike Groh** (WRs/QBs), **Mike London** (DL/ recruiting coord.), **Bob Price** (DBs), **Ron Prince** (off. coord./OL), **Kevin Ross** (RBs), **Andy Heck** (TEs)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A. 30	DUKE		
S. 6	@ South Carolina	W	34-21
S. 13	@ Western Michigan		
S. 27	Wake Forest	W	38-34
O. 4	@ North Carolina	W	37-27
O. 11	@ Clemson	W	22-17
O. 18	Florida State	L	19-40
O. 25	Troy State		
N. 1	@ N.C. State	W	14-9
N. 13	@ Maryland	W	48-13
N. 22	Georgia Tech	L	15-23
N. 29	Virginia Tech	L	9-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/15

OFFENSE

QB	7	Matt Schaub (6-5, 240, Sr.)
	18	Marques Hagans (5-10, 207, So.)
FB	86	Kase Luzar (6-2, 236, Sr.)
	38	Jason Snelling (6-1, 228, So.)
TB	33	Wali Lundy (6-1, 212, So.)
	21	Alvin Pearman (5-10, 198, Jr.)
OT	66	D'Brickashaw Ferguson (6-5, 265, So.)
	65	Kevin Bailey (6-6, 294, Sr.)
OG	62	Brian Barthelmes (6-7, 286, So.)
		Ben Carber (6-2, 294, Sr.)
C	75	Zac Yarbrough (6-4, 275, Jr.)
	70	Mark Farrington (6-2, 280, Jr.)
OG	61	Elton Brown (6-6, 333, Jr.)
OT	69	Brad Butler (6-8, 274, So.)
	67	Wesley Wilson (6-4, 286, So.)
TE	89	Heath Miller (6-5, 254, So.)
	87	Patrick Estes (6-7, 262, Jr.)
WR	83	Ottowa Anderson (6-0, 186, Jr.)
	1	Ron Morton (6-1, 176, Fr.)
WR	80	Michael McGrew (6-2, 200, Sr.)
	37	Ryan Sawyer (6-2, 209, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Brennan Schmidt (6-3, 269, So.)
		Justin Walker (6-2, 288, Sr.)
NT	60	Andrew Hoffman (6-5, 285, Jr.)
	54	Melvin Massey (6-2, 262, So.)
DE	95	Chris Canty (6-7, 285, Jr.)
	98	Kwakou Robinson (6-4, 327, So.)
OLB	47	Raymond Mann (6-1, 233, Sr.)
	45	Dennis Haley (6-1, 241, Jr.)
ILB	59	Bryan White (6-2, 227, Jr.)
	45	Dennis Haley (6-1, 241, Jr.)
ILB	53	Rich Bedesem (6-2, 232, Jr.)
	51	Mark Miller (6-0, 214, So.)
OLB	56	Darryl Blackstock (6-4, 230, So.)
		Stan Norfleet (6-3, 241, Sr.)
CB	22	Almondo Curry (5-8, 175, Sr.)
	36	Jermaine Hardy (5-11, 208, Jr.)
CB	29	Jamaine Winborne (5-10, 202, Sr.)
	25	Art Thomas (6-2, 205, Sr.)
S	36	Jermaine Hardy (5-11, 208, Jr.)
	42	Lance Evans (6-4, 200, Fr.)
S	15	Jay Dorsey (6-2, 191, Jr.)
	40	Willie Davis (6-2, 185, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	6	Connor Hughes (6-0, 178, So.)
	8	Kurt Smith (6-1, 181, So.)
P	10	Tom Hagan (6-2, 176, So.)
		Bryce Coffee (5-11, 187, Sr.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Georgia	L	38-31
S.6	Furman		
S.13	Middle Tennessee		
S.20	@ Georgia Tech	W	24-19
O.4	@ Maryland	L	12-30
O.11	Virginia	L	17-22
O.18	@ N.C. State	L	6-38
O.25	North Carolina	W	42-12
N.1	@ Wake Forest	W	31-23
N.8	Florida State	L	31-48
N.15	Duke	W	34-31
N.22	@ South Carolina	W	27-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/25

OFFENSE

QB	6	Charlie Whitehurst (6-4, 200, So.)
	14	Will Proctor (6-3, 190, Fr.)
FB	10	Chad Jasmin (5-10, 225, Sr.)
	36	Clifford Harrell (6-1, 260, So.)
TB	5	Yusef Kelly (6-0, 225, Jr.)
	28	Kyle Browning (5-7, 160, So.)
LT	70	William Henry (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	72	Roman Fry (6-4, 260, Fr.
LG	65	Cedric Johnson (6-4, 320, Jr.)
	68	Jermyn Chester (6-2, 290, Sr.)
C	53	Tommy Sharpe (6-0, 255, Jr.)
	62	Dustin Fry (6-3, 320, Fr.)
RG	64	Chip Myrick (6-4, 250, So.)
	63	Nathan Bennett (6-5, 320, Fr.)
RT	78	Gregory Walker (6-5, 320, Sr.)
	77	Brad Lee (6-4, 265, Fr.)
TE	81	Bobby Williamson (6-3, 240, So.)
	94	Kevin Burnette (6-3, 240, Sr.)
WR	17	Kevin Youngblood (6-5, 219, Sr.)
	88	Kelvin Grant (6-2, 205, Fr.)
WR	1	Airese Currie (5-11, 175, Jr.)
	85	Ronnie Thomas (5-11, 190, Jr.
WR	21	Derrick Hamilton (6-4, 200, Jr.)
	18	Curtis Baham (6-1, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

LE	56	Khaleed Vaughn (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	94	Vontrell Jamison (6-8, 260, Jr.)
LT	96	Donnell Washington (6-6, 315, Jr.)
	76	Eric Coleman (6-5, 293, Jr.)
RT	97	DeJuan Polk (6-2, 285, Sr.)
	80	Todd McClinton (6-6, 295, Sr.)
RE	58	J.J. Howard (6-3, 225, Sr.)
	99	Maurice Fountain (6-4, 255, Jr.)
SLB	45	John Leake (6-1, 225, Sr.)
	90	Anthony Waters (6-3, 205, Fr.)
MLB	43	Leroy Hill (6-1, 205, Jr.)
	49	Roosevelt Nelson (6-2, 205, So.)
WLB	48	Kelvin Morris (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	11	Brian Carr (5-11, 185, Jr.)
CB	8	Tye Hill (5-10, 175, So.)
	39	Buddy Williams (5-11, 170, Fr.)
CB	9	Justin Miller (5-11, 180, So.)
	22	Ryan Hemby (5-11, 185, Sr.)
FS	29	Travis Pugh (6-1, 190, So.)
	23	Tavaughn Monts (6-2, 190, Jr.)
ROV	24	Jamaal Fudge (5-10, 180, So.)
	13	Gerald McCloud (6-2, 195, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	19	Aaron Hunt (5-11, 208, Sr.)
	16	Stephen Furr (6-1, 177, Jr.)
P	89	Cole Chason (6-0, 155, Fr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 5

Clemson TIGERS

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-4 ACC *(lost to Texas Tech in the Tangerine Bowl, 55-15)*

Official athletic Web site: www.clemsontigers.com

Bowden needs to grab Tigers by the tail and win big to keep Death Valley residence

The Tigers, 9-3 in 2000, fell to 7-5 in '01 and then slipped to 7-6 last season (4-4 ACC). If the decline continues this fall, Tommy Bowden may not be back in 2004. Bowden is only the third coach in ACC history to lead his team to a bowl game in each of his first four seasons, but appearances in the Humanitarian (2001) and the Tangerine (2002) don't get the Clemson faithful especially excited. Bowden's critics were quieted momentarily when Clemson closed the regular season by beating arch-rival South Carolina for the third time in four years, but they roared their displeasure when the Tigers were embarrassed 55-15 by Texas Tech in the Tangerine Bowl.

Bowden's stated goals are to "win more games and eventually challenge for the ACC championship and a BCS bowl." He doesn't have a championship-caliber team this season, but he has an offense that should score enough to keep the Tigers in most games. Nine players return who started at least five games last season, including quarterback Charlie Whitehurst, who passed for 1,554 yards. Whitehurst, a sophomore, started the Tigers' final five games and he enters this season as the No. 1 QB. That distinction became undisputed in early May when his main competition, Willie Simmons, announced he was transferring to Florida A&M. In his first start, the son of former Green Bay Packers quarterback David Whitehurst passed for 420 yards and four touchdowns against Duke.

Senior Kevin Youngblood and juniors Airese Currie and Derrick Hamilton head a supremely talented receiving corps. Youngblood paced Clemson with 59 catches last year, while Hamilton led the ACC in all-purpose yards. He piled up 208 yards rushing, 602 receiving, 377 on punt returns and 696 on kickoff returns. Hamilton also is the first player in Clemson history to have at least 100 receptions by the end of his sophomore season.

Clemson passed for a school-record 3,157 yards in 2002. Its ground game was not nearly as formidable. The Tigers' average of 120.7 yards rushing per game ranked eighth in the ACC. Among the tailbacks who'll try to raise that average are junior Yusef Kelly, who rushed for eight TDs last season, senior Chad Jasmin, sophomore Kyle Browning and sophomore Duane Coleman.

On the offensive line, the Tigers must replace standout tackle Gary Byrd and center Jermyn Chester, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in March. Chester started eight games last season before losing his job to Tommy Sharpe, a former walk-on who's back this year. So are three other starting linemen—senior tackles Greg Walker and William Henry and junior guard Cedric Johnson. Walker started at guard last season.

In total defense, Clemson ranked third among ACC teams last season. But statistics can deceive. In the category that matters most, scoring defense, the Tigers' defenders didn't fare as well. Only Duke (29.4) and North Carolina (35.1) allowed more points per game than Clemson (26.8).

Clemson lost seven defensive starters, including the only player from the school to make the All-ACC first team last season, tackle Nick Eason. Also gone are second-team selections Bryant McNeal (end) and Brian Mance (cornerback), who had six interceptions. Of the four returning starters, the gem is cornerback Justin Miller. As a true freshman last season, Miller led the ACC in interceptions (8) and kickoff returns (35.1-yard average). He was a unanimous choice as a first-team Freshman All-American and made the All-ACC second team.

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Justin Miller, *CB*

Clemson's other returning starters on defense are junior tackle Donnell Washington, senior end Khaleed Vaughn and senior linebacker John Leake, the ACC's second-leading tackler last season. To bolster his depleted secondary, Bowden moved sophomore speedster Tye Hill from tailback to cornerback. Seniors Kelvin Morris and Brandon Jamison, who came to Clemson as junior college transfers, are candidates to start at linebacker.

Clemson's special teams rode a roller coaster in 2002. Aaron Hunt, then a junior, made 17 of 22 field-goal attempts and was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. Hamilton and Miller established themselves as two of Division I-A's most dangerous return men. But the Tigers' defense on returns was often atrocious. Opponents ran back three kickoffs and two punts for TDs in 2002.

STADIUM INFO **Name:** Clemson Memorial **Capacity:** 81,474 **Playing Surface:** Grass

THE COACH **Tommy Bowden,** 5th Year **Record:** 29-19 **Career Record:** 47-23

ASST. COACHES **Brad Scott** (TEs), **John Lovett** (def. coord.), **Mike O'Cain** (QBs), **Burton Burns** (RBs), **David Blackwell** (def. coach), **Thielen Smith** (DL), **Jack Hines** (LBs), **Ron West** (OL)

Georgia Tech
YELLOW JACKETS

CONFERENCE RANK: 6

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-4 ACC *(lost to Fresno State, 30-21, in the Silicon Valley Classic)*

Official athletic Web site: www.ramblingwreck.com

Gailey hoping QBs don't make another (Ramblin') Wreck out of the Jackets' season

The Yellow Jackets advanced to a bowl for the sixth straight year, but that doesn't mean their fans were happy when 2002 ended. In its first season under former Dallas Cowboys head coach Chan Gailey, Georgia Tech dropped its final two games and three of the last four. Worse, one of those defeats was to arch-rival Georgia, which embarrassed the Jackets 51-7 in Athens. The grumbling grew so loud that Athletic Director Dave Braine took the unusual step of sending a letter to donors in which he defended Gailey.

Year No. 2 of the Gailey Era in Atlanta may not be much more pleasant. Tech (7-6, 4-4) lost the only player it placed on last year's All-ACC first team, safety Jeremy Muyres, as well as three second-team picks: wideout Kerry Watkins, kicker Luke Manget and linebacker Recardo Wimbush. Also gone are special-teams dynamo Kelley Rhino, talented wideout Will Glover and veteran punter Dan Dyke, among others. Watkins led the ACC with 71 catches last season (for 1,050 yards), and Rhino ranks second on the ACC's career list for punt-return yardage (1,135).

The biggest departures, though, didn't involve graduation. Two of the Yellow Jackets' most valuable players, tailback Tony Hollings and defensive end Tony Hargrove, were among 10 Tech players declared academically ineligible for this fall in mid-May.

Offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien departed, too. O'Brien, whose philosophy clashed with that of Gailey, left to join Ralph Friedgen's staff at Maryland. Former Dallas Cowboys assistant Buddy Geis is the Jackets' new passing-game coordinator, and Patrick Nix will oversee the running game. Gailey will call the plays, and he's likely to emphasize the running game. Sophomore Ajenavi "Ace" Eziemefe (282 yards rushing) is the top candidate to replace Hollings at tailback.

The Jackets return six starters on offense. Four are linemen, including junior tackle Nat Dorsey, a second-team All-ACC pick in 2002 and an All-America candidate. Also back up front are junior tackle Kyle Wallace, senior center Hugh Reilly and junior guard Leon Robinson. Senior Jonathan Smith, who had 36 catches for 430 yards last season, leads the receiving corps. Other wideouts include juniors Levon Thomas and Nate Curry and redshirt freshman Xavier McGuire.

Senior A.J. Suggs returns at quarterback, but that's not necessarily cause for celebration in Atlanta. The transfer from Tennessee threw more interceptions (15) than touchdown passes (12) last season, and sophomore Damarius Bilbo is pressing him for the job. Bilbo passed for 487 yards and three TDs. If neither Suggs nor Bilbo plays well, freshman Al Pena might take over behind center.

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta has six starters back from a unit that ranked third in the ACC in scoring defense (20.5 ppg). And that doesn't include senior end Greg Gathers, a second-team All-American in 2001 who missed most of last season with a kidney ailment. Gathers, Tech's all-time leader in sacks and tackles for loss, hopes to return this season. His presence would bolster a young line that includes end Eric Henderson and tackles Travis Parker and Alfred Malone, all returning starters.

Tech returns two of the ACC's better linebackers in seniors Keyaron Fox and Daryl Smith, who have 475 career tackles between them. But the Jackets' secondary took a huge hit from graduation, losing cornerback Marvious Hester and safeties Muyres and Cory Collins. Cornerback Jonathan Cox is the lone returning starter.

Tech's non-conference schedule isn't easy. It includes games with BYU, Auburn and Georgia. The latter two games will be at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

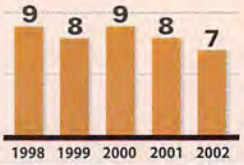
Eric Henderson, *DE*

PHILIP M. WILLIAMS

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.28	@ Brigham Young	W	28-19
S.6	Auburn		
S.13	@ Florida State	L	13-21
S.20	Clemson	L	19-24
S.27	@ Vanderbilt	W	45-3
O.4	N.C. State	W	24-17
O.11	@ Wake Forest	L	21-24
O.23	Maryland	L	10-34
N.8	@ Duke	W	17-2
N.15	North Carolina	W	21-13
N.22	@ Virginia	W	23-15
N.29	Georgia	L	7-51

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 52/21

OFFENSE

QB	17	A.J. Suggs (6-4, 215, Sr.)
	8	Damarius Bilbo (6-3, 225, So.)
FB	47	Jimmy Dixon (6-1, 220, Jr.-R)
	46	Brian Johnson (6-3, 250, So.-R)
TB	28	Ajenavi Eziemefe (6-2, 225, So.)
	45	P.J. Daniels (5-10, 205, So.-R)
LT	70	Nat Dorsey (6-6, 330, Jr.)
	71	Reggie Koon (6-4, 310, Sr.)
LG	74	Leon Robinson (6-4, 320, Jr.)
	65	Andy Tidwell-Neal (6-4, 295, Jr.)
C	67	Hugh Reilly (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	62	Clay Hartley (6-4, 280, Sr.)
RG	72	Brad Honeycutt (6-4, 295, So.)
	73	Zeb McHargue (6-4, 285, Fr.)
RT	77	Kyle Wallace (6-6, 285, Jr.)
	75	Jeremy Phillips (6-7, 285, Jr.)
TE	89	John Paul Foschi (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	83	Darius Williams (6-6 , 265, Jr.)
WR	7	Levon Thomas (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	80	Xavier McGuire (6-3, 215, Fr.)
WR	21	Jonathan Smith (5-10, 189, Sr.)
	5	Nate Curry (5-10, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Greg Gathers (6-1, 270, Sr.)
DT	94	Travis Parker (6-5, 265, So.)
	99	Omar Billy (6-2, 270, So.)
DT	92	Alfred Malone (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	98	Brad Brezina (6-2, 273, Fr.)
DE	56	Eric Henderson (6-3, 265, So.)
	93	Terron Pullen (6-2, 270, Fr.)
LB	57	Tabugbo Anyansi (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	31	Sterling Green (6-2, 210, Jr.)
LB	51	Daryl Smith (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	43	Ather Brown (6-3, 230, Sr.)
LB	54	Keyaron Fox (6-3 ,220, Sr.)
	49	Gerris Wilkinson (6-3, 230, So.)
CB	9	Reuben Houston (6-0, 195, So.)
	25	Dennis Davis (6-0, 185, Jr.)
CB	23	Jonathan Cox (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	27	Venice Gilliam (5-10, 195, So.)
FS	22	James Butler (6-3, 210, Jr.)
	15	Nathan Burton (6-2, 205, Jr.)
SS	14	Dawan Landry (6-2, 215, So.)
	18	Chris Reis (6-0, 210, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	40	Dan Burnett (6-2, 250, Sr.)
	33	David Jordan (6-4, 200, Fr.)
P	13	Hal Higgins (5-10, 185, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Bobby Dodd Stadium
Capacity: 55,000
Playing Surface: Grass

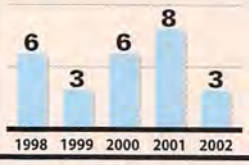
THE COACH
Chan Gailey, 2nd Year
Record: 7-6
Career Record: 31-17

ASST. COACHES
Joe D'Alessandris (OL), **Buddy Geis** (passing game coord./WRs), **Brick Haley** (LBs), **Curtis Modkins** (RBs), **Patrick Nix** (running game coord./QBs), **Tommie Robinson** (TEs), **Glenn Spencer** (def. line), **Jon Tenuta** (def. coord./DBs), **David Wilson** (special teams/recruiting coord.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A. 30	Florida State	L	14-40
S. 6	Syracuse	W	30-22
S. 20	@ Wisconsin		
S. 27	@ N.C. State	L	17-34
O. 4	Virginia	L	27-37
O. 11	@ East Carolina		
O. 18	Arizona State	W	38-35
O. 25	@ Clemson	L	12-42
N. 1	@ Maryland	L	7-59
N. 8	Wake Forest	L	0-31
N. 15	@ Georgia Tech	L	13-21
N. 22	Duke	W	23-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/14

OFFENSE

QB	4	Darian Durant (5-11, 218, Jr.)
	7	C.J. Stephens (6-3, 212, Sr.)
FB	44	Madison Hedgecock (6-3, 260, Jr.)
	40	Rikki Cook (6-0, 243, So.)
TB	20	Jacque Lewis (5-10, 197, Jr.)
	15	Willie Parker (5-11, 207, Sr.)
LT	76	Willie McNeill (6-5, 301, Jr.)
	73	Drew Hunter (6-7, 302, So.)
LG	78	Kyle Ralph (6-4, 288, So.)
	71	Jupiter Wilson (6-3, 308, Sr.)
C	72	Jason Brown (6-3, 308, Jr.)
	70	Steven Bell (6-3, 272, So.)
RG	77	Jeb Terry (6-6, 308, Sr.)
	62	David Marrazo (6-2, 285, Sr.)
RT	75	Skip Seagraves (6-5, 287, Jr.)
	68	Chris Woods (6-3, 289, Fr.)
TE	89	Bobby Blizzard (6-3, 273, Sr.)
	93	John Dunn (6-5, 254, Jr.)
WR	1	Derrele Mitchell (6-3, 205, So.)
	19	Danny Rumley (6-4, 215, So.)
WR	5	Jarwarski Pollock (5-8, 170, Jr.)
	82	Brandon Russell (5-11, 190, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	43	Jocques Dumas (6-6, 264, Jr.)
	98	Kendall High (6-4, 271, So.)
DT	94	Donti Coats (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	69	Jonas Seawright (6-6, 338, Jr.)
DT	95	Chase Page (6-5, 286, Jr.)
	97	Mickey Rice (6-0, 289, Fr.)
DE	80	Tommy Davis (6-2, 251, So.)
	41	Alden Blizzard (6-3, 250, Fr.)
SLB	37	Clarence Gaddy (6-2, 233, Jr.)
	58	Melik Brown (6-1, 255, Fr.)
MLB	53	Doug Justice (6-2, 241, So.)
	57	Devllen Bullard (6-1, 232, Jr.)
WLB	11	Clay Roberson (6-1, 231, Sr.)
	52	Jeff Longhany (6-4, 245, So.)
CB	2	Derrick Johnson (5-9, 178, Sr.)
	13	Cedrick Holt (5-11, 176, So.)
CB	18	Michael Waddell (5-11, 183, Sr.)
	6	Chris Hawkins (5-10, 184, Jr.)
SS	26	Michael Harris (5-10, 201, Sr.)
	8	Tommy Richardson (6-1, 210, So.)
FS	24	Dexter Reid (6-0, 189, Sr.)
	12	Chris Curry (6-1, 198, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	10	Dan Orner (5-8, 170, Sr.)
P	33	John Lafferty (5-10, 193, Sr.)
	31	Paul Roberts (6-2, 211, Sr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 7

North Carolina
TAR HEELS

2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 ACC

Official athletic Web site: www.tarheelblue.com

Tar Heels will go as far as the gifted right arm of QB Darian Durant takes them

Fortunately for the Tar Heels, there's always Duke on the schedule.

After being outscored 243-77 in its previous six games—all losses—North Carolina salvaged a little pride in the Nov. 23 regular-season finale. Dan Orner's 47-yard field goal as time expired lifted UNC to a 23-21 victory over homestanding Duke, the Heels' 13th straight win in the series.

Carolina (3-9, 1-7) had little else to cheer in 2002. Yes, it won at Syracuse and at Arizona State, but UNC wasn't competitive in many of its ACC games. That the Heels struggled was no great surprise. They lost eight defensive starters from 2001, including first-round NFL draft picks Julius Peppers and Ryan Sims, and freshmen and sophomores made up about 75 percent of last year's roster. Still, they got whipped so soundly late in the season that many wondered if the team had quit on coach John Bunting.

The Tar Heels ranked last in the ACC in scoring offense (18.6 ppg) and last in scoring defense (35.1). They had the league's worst rushing offense and worst rushing defense. And if not for Orner's dramatic field goal, they would have finished last in the league.

In 2001, Bunting's first season as coach at his alma mater, North Carolina whipped Florida State 41-9, beat Auburn in the Peach Bowl and finished 8-5. The Heels aren't likely to match that record in 2003, but Bunting's third season should yield more victories than his second.

Seven starters return on offense and eight on defense, as well as Orner and punter John Lafferty. Add to those veterans a highly regarded recruiting class that should accelerate Bunting's rebuilding project. Virginia played—and received significant contributions from—numerous true freshmen in 2002, and North Carolina may well follow suit this season.

In junior Darian Durant, UNC has one of the ACC's premier quarterbacks. Despite missing four games with an injured thumb—his absence played a huge role in Carolina's decline— Durant passed for 2,123 yards and 16 TDs and led the conference in total offense. Carolina averaged a school-record 266.6 yards passing per game in 2002 but had far and away the ACC's worst running game with a 102.5-yard average per game.

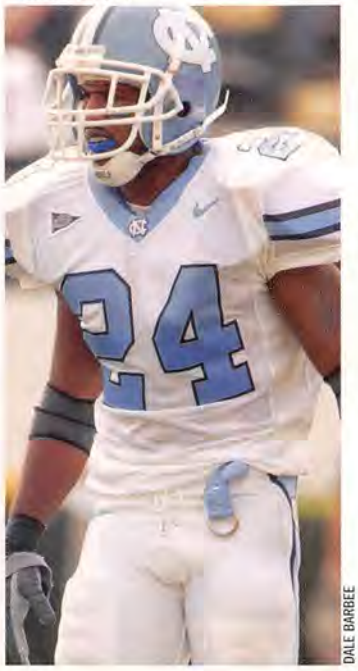
Durant's favorite receivers, Sam Aiken and Chesley Borders, are gone, but junior Jarwarski Pollock (31 catches for 464 yards) returns. So does tight end Bobby Blizzard, who didn't start a game last season and yet still made honorable-mention All-ACC. Blizzard, a 6-3, 273-pound senior who transferred to Carolina from Kentucky, had 28 receptions for 440 yards and five TDs. Highly recruited true freshmen wideouts Adarius Bowman and Jesse Holley could also factor into the passing game in their first seasons in Chapel Hill.

The first-team offensive line returns intact, and that should help revive the Heels' moribund running game. It's an experienced group (three juniors and two seniors) led by center Jason Brown, an All-ACC candidate. Jacque Lewis led UNC in rushing with 574 yards last season, and he's back, along with Willie Parker (236 yards). Another tailback, true freshman Ronnie McGill, starred in Carolina's spring game. The Tar Heels' second Kentucky transfer, tailback Chad Scott, could play a big role, as may Rutgers transfer Rikki Cook at fullback.

Any discussion of Bunting's defense must begin with senior safety Dexter Reid, the only Tar Heel to receive All-ACC recognition last season. Reid, a first-team selection, averaged a conference-best 13.8 tackles, in part because UNC's defense spent so much time on the field. It should offer more resistance this season. The Heels' revamped line is still young but won't get pushed around as much. Ends include junior Jocques Dumas and sophomores Tommy Davis and Kendall High, who started seven games at tackle as a true freshman last season. The first-team tackles will probably be junior Chase Page and senior Donti Coats.

At linebacker, starters Clarence Gaddy and Doug Justice return. Justice's 97 tackles last season were the most by a UNC freshman in 12 years. A newcomer in the secondary is sophomore safety Mahlon Carey, the Tar Heels' third-leading rusher as a tailback last season. Considerably more experienced is senior cornerback Michael Waddell, a fourth-year starter who was second-team All-ACC in 2001.

Dexter Reid, *FS*



DALE BARBEE

STADIUM INFO
Name: Kenan Stadium
Capacity: 60,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
John Bunting, 3rd Year
Record: 11-14
Career Record: 49-28-2

ASST. COACHES
Gunter Brewer (WRs), **Ken Browning** (TEs/dir. of high school relations), **Jeff Connors** (dir. of strength and cond.), **Jim Fleming** (DBs/secondary), **Hal Hunter** (OL), **Dave Huxtable** (def. coord./LBs), **Andre' Powell** (RBs), **Gary Tranquill** (off. coord./QBs), **James Webster** (assist. head coach/special teams coord.), **Brad Lawing** (DL/recruiting coord.)

Wake Forest
DEMON DEACONS

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 8

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 3-5 ACC *(beat Oregon in the Seattle Bowl, 38-17)*

Official athletic Web site: www.wakeforestsports.com

University officials announced in January that coach Jim Grobe had been awarded a new 10-year contract. The Demon Deacons (7-6, 3-5) are wise to try to lock up Grobe, who produced winning records in each of his first two seasons in Winston-Salem, N.C., no small feat given the school's history in football. Wake capped Grobe's second season by pummeling Oregon 38-17 in the Seattle Bowl.

Not bad for a team that finished seventh in the ACC. Posting a third straight winning season, however, won't be easy for Grobe. Wake's non-conference foes include Boston College and Purdue, and it must replace numerous standouts, among them offensive guard Blake Henry and defensive end Calvin Pace, both of whom were first-team All-ACC picks. Other key losses include quarterback James MacPherson, tailback Tarence Williams, fullback Ovie Mughelli and wideout Fabian Davis, who was second in the ACC in all-purpose yards.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@ Boston College
S.6	N.C.State
S.13	Purdue
S.20	East Carolina
S.27	@Virginia
O.11	Georgia Tech
O.18	@ Duke
O.25	@ Florida State
N.1	Clemson
N.8	@ North Carolina
N.15	Connecticut
N.29	Maryland

The Deacons, last in the ACC in passing offense, led the league in rushing—in part because they ran the ball at least 120 times more than each of their counterparts. Don't expect Grobe's philosophy to change. It worked for him at Ohio University and has worked at Wake. Unfortunately for the Deacons, they face a major rebuilding job on offense, where an ACC-low three starters return.

All three are linemen: senior guard Tyson Clabo, junior center Blake Lingruen and tackle Mark Moroz. Sophomore Cory Randolph takes over at quarterback, and his top target is junior wideout Jason Anderson, who had six touchdown catches and 535 yards receiving last season. Nick Burney moves from tailback to fullback, but there's plenty of firepower at his former position. Wake's tailbacks include junior Fred Staton and sophomores Chris Barclay, Cornelius Birgs and Dominic Anderson. Barclay rushed for 703 yards and nine touchdowns in 2002. Staton, ineligible last season, ran for 703 yards and seven TDs in 2001.

On defense, seven starters return, including six of the team's top seven tacklers from 2002. Middle linebacker Brad White led Wake with 94 tackles, and Kellen Brantley is back at outside linebacker. The Deacons' first-team secondary also returns.

PROJECTED STARTERS
Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/16

OFFENSE

QB	17	Cory Randolph (6-1, 188, So.)
FB	29	Nick Burney (6-3, 216, Sr.)
TB	28	Chris Barclay (5-10, 170, So.)
LT	73	Wesley Bryant (6-4, 285, So.)
LG	64	Chad Rebar (6-3, 314, Sr.)
C	76	Blake Lingruen (6-4, 276, Jr.)
RG	77	Tyson Clabo (6-6, 314, Sr.)
RT	66	Greg Adkins (6-3, 283, So.)
TE	97	R.D. Montgomery (6-6, 229, Jr.)
WR	80	Jason Anderson (6-3, 182, Jr.)
WR	87	Chris Davis (5-11, 179, So.)

DEFENSE

LE	85	Jerome Nichols (6-2, 274, Jr.)
NT	57	Goryal Scales(6-0, 283, So.)
RE	91	John Finklea (6-5, 273, So.)
OLB	34	Dion Williams (6-1, 247, Sr.)
MLB	45	Brad White (6-1, 226, Jr.)
OLB	54	Kellen Brantley (6-3, 238, Sr.)
CB	9	Eric King (5-9, 185, Jr.)
CB	20	Daryl Shaw (5-9, 179, Sr.)
FS	25	Quintin Williams (6-2, 200, Sr.)
SS	27	Warren Braxton (6-0, 207, Jr.)
ROV	8	Caron Bracy (6-0, 222, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	Matt Wisnosky (6-1, 181, So.)
P	81	Ryan Plackemeier (6-3, 230, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Groves Stadium
Capacity: 31,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Jim Grobe, 3rd Year
Record: 13-11
Career Record: 46-44-1

Duke
BLUE DEVILS

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 9

2002 Record: 2-10 overall, 0-8 ACC

Official athletic Web site: www.goduke.com

The Blue Devils wasted no time last season in ending their 23-game losing streak, beating East Carolina in the opener. Duke later hammered Navy, but its fortunes inside the ACC didn't change. For the third straight season, Carl Franks' team finished winless in the conference, and its 25 straight ACC losses are a league record.

If that streak doesn't end this season, Franks might not have his job in 2004. Fortunately for Franks, there's reason for optimism in Durham. Duke (2-10) was usually competitive last year, with five of its losses coming by five points or less. All 11 starters are back on offense, with nine returning on defense.

Defensive coordinator Ted Roof's losses, however, were significant. Linebacker Jamyon Small, the team's lone scholarship senior last season, was a three-year starter, and defensive end Shawn Johnson led the ACC in sacks. Johnson, the only Devil to make first-team All-ACC in 2002, opted not to use his final year of eligiblity at Duke.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@ Virginia
S.6	Western Carolina
S.13	Rice
S.20	Northwestern
S.27	Florida State
O.11	@ Maryland
O.18	Wake Forest
O.25	N.C.State
N.1	@ Tennessee
N.8	Georgia Tech
N.15	@ Clemson
N.22	@ North Carolina

Tailbacks Alex Wade and Chris Douglas enter their senior seasons with a combined 3,278 yards rushing. Wade, a bruising 6-1, 255-pounder, and Douglas, a slashing runner, ranked fourth and seventh, respectively, among ACC rushers last season. Wade made the All-ACC second team. Douglas needs only 72 yards to become Duke's career leader in all-purpose yards.

Back at quarterback is Adam Smith, who started all 12 games and became only the third sophomore in Duke history to pass for more than 2,000 yards. His targets include receivers Reggie Love, Senterrio Landrum, Khary Sharpe and Lance Johnson. Senior tackle Drew Strojny, who has started 31 games, anchors the line.

Duke had the ACC's top rushing defense last season. The heart of that defense is linebacker Ryan Fowler, the Blue Devils' leading tackler in each of his first three seasons. The starting secondary is back, led by senior safety Terrell Smith. Up front, senior tackle Matt Zielinski will try to top a superb 2002 season in which he had 18.5 tackles for loss. Eighteen defenders who started at least one game in 2002 return.

PROJECTED STARTERS
Starters returning: 22
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/5

OFFENSE

QB	16	Adam Smith (6-5, 205, Jr.)
FB	37	Alex Wade (6-1, 255, Sr.)
TB	4	Chris Douglas (6-0, 190, Sr.)
LT	75	Drew Strojny (6-8, 300, Sr.)
LG	74	Daryl Lewis (6-3, 330, Sr.)
C	70	Luke Bayer (6-5, 290, Sr.)
RG	68	Rusty Wilson (6-3, 330, Sr.)
RT	65	Christian Mitchell (6-7, 315, Jr.)
TE	89	Andy Roland (6-4, 220, So.)
WR	2	Khary Sharpe (5-11, 175, Jr.)
WR	21	Senterrio Landrum (5-9, 185, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Micah Harris (6-4, 240, Jr.)
DT	35	Matt Zielinski (6-3, 290, Sr.)
DT	91	Orrin Thompson(6-7, 285, Jr.)
DE	97	David Martin (6-4, 240, So.)
LB	13	Giuseppe Aguanno (6-1, 235, Jr.)
LB	27	Ryan Fowler (6-4, 235, Sr.)
LB	30	Brendan Dewan (6-2, 210, So.)
CB	20	Temo George (5-9, 180, Sr.)
CB	3	Kenneth Stanford (5-9, 180, Jr.)
S	25	Terrell Smith (5-11, 180, Sr.)
S	17	Alex Green (6-2, 190, Jr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	1	Brent Garber (6-1, 195, Sr.)
P	18	Trey McDonald (6-2, 215, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Wallace Wade Stadium
Capacity: 33,941
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Carl Franks, 5th Year
Record: 5-40
Career Record: 5-40

BIG EAST *Predicted order of finish:*

1 MIAMI ▶p.31
2 PITTSBURGH ▶p.32
3 VT ▶p.33
4 WV ▶p.34
5 BC ▶p.35
6 SYRACUSE ATHLETICS ▶p.36
7 T ▶p.37
8 RUTGERS ▶p.37

Predict the Big East? It used to be so easy

By MIKE HARRIS
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Stick Miami at the top and then take a good, hard look at everybody else. The Hurricanes have dominated thus far this decade and have always been the clear choice—not to mention the right choice.

Miami is 21-0 in league play in the three seasons since the Y2K scare. It has won one national championship and almost won another. Some will swear that Miami ought to be coming into the 2003 season off two straight unbeaten campaigns.

And, yes, Miami is the choice to win the Big East again this year. It wasn't such an easy choice.

Miami has lost armloads of talent to the National Football League every year, a good bit of it in the first round of the draft. But none of that talent has been, until this year, Ken Dorsey. In addition to the veteran quarterback, Miami lost four outstanding players: two offensive linemen, a running back and a receiver.

Find a quarterback and the rest should fall into place. But it is not automatic.

Pittsburgh appears poised for a serious run at ending Miami's domination. The Panthers have a trio of serious offensive weapons and have been better defensively in recent seasons than people seem to want to believe, perhaps because their offense has been so darn good.

Virginia Tech could also be excellent. The Hokies started that way last season before a major fade (four losses in five games) to end the season. The defensive front simply wore down. If that can be avoided this season, Tech could a factor.

West Virginia was the surprise of the league, and perhaps the nation, a year ago and should be good again.

Boston College, like Miami, must replace a quarterback. A successful transformation there will elevate the Eagles.

The bloom may be off Syracuse's rose. Temple and Rutgers never had much bloom and don't figure to have any this season.

Games to watch

Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh, Nov. 8
A third straight Pitt victory will prove Panthers have surpassed Hokies.

West Virginia at Boston College, Nov. 8
One of these teams will be better than expected.

Miami at Pittsburgh, Nov. 29
Now the league's marquee matchup.

ALL-BIG EAST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Rod Rutherford**, sr., Pittsburgh
WR—**Larry Fitzgerald**, so., Pittsburgh
WR—**Ernest Wilford**, sr., Virginia Tech
RB—**Kevin Jones**, jr., Virginia Tech
RB—**Derrick Knight**, sr., Boston College
TE—**Kellen Winslow**, jr., Miami
OL—**Jake Grove**, sr., Virginia Tech
OL—**Rob Petitti**, jr., Pittsburgh
OL—**Carlos Joseph**, sr., Miami
OL—**Tim Brown**, sr., West Virginia
OL—**Vernon Carey**, sr., Miami
PK—**David Abdul**, so., Pittsburgh

DEFENSE

DL—**Claude Harriott**, sr., Pittsburgh
DL—**Nathaniel Adibi**, sr., Virginia Tech
DL—**Louis Gachelin**, sr., Syracuse
DL—**Raheem Orr**, sr., Rutgers
LB—**Jonathan Vilma**, sr., Miami
LB—**Grant Wiley**, sr., West Virginia
LB—**D.J. Williams**, sr., Miami
DB—**DeAngelo Hall**, jr., Virginia Tech
DB—**Antrel Rolle**, jr., Miami
DB—**Sean Taylor**, jr., Miami
DB—**Maurice Sikes**, sr., Miami
P—**Andy Lee**, sr., Pittsburgh

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Roscoe Parrish**, WR, Miami
Best hands: **Larry Fitzgerald**, Pittsburgh
Best passing QB: **Bryan Randall**, Virginia Tech
Best option QB: **Rasheed Marshall**, West Virginia
Most elusive RB: **Kevin Jones**, Virginia Tech
Best instincts: **Jonathan Vilma**, LB, Miami
Best athlete: **DeAngelo Hall**, CB/WR, Virginia Tech
Best under pressure: **Rod Rutherford**, QB, Pittsburgh
Top NFL prospect: **Kellen Winslow**, TE, Miami
Top impact freshman: **Baraka Atkins**, DE, Miami
Hardest hitter: **Jonathan Vilma**, LB, Miami
Biggest underachiever: **Johnnie Morant**, WR, Syracuse

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Walt Harris**, Pittsburgh
Best recruiter: **Frank Beamer**, Virginia Tech
Coach on the spot: **Paul Pasqualoni**, Syracuse

Don't be surprised if ...

Boston College is this year's West Virginia, finishing much higher than expected. If the Eagles can successfully replace quarterback Brian St. Pierre, they could be very good.

One man's opinion

"This could be the year Pitt finishes on top. Rutherford, Miree and Fitzgerald make for a pretty good offense."

—a Big East assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. Miami
Another huge year and another great quarterback in Californian Kyle Wright.

2. Boston College
Excellent class, loaded with backs, including Andre Callender.

3. Virginia Tech
Needed linebackers and got some good ones, including Xavier Adibi and Vince Hall.

4. West Virginia
Went into Pennsylvania to grab standout DB Vince Beamer.

5. Pittsburgh
Burned by loss of Beamer but landed solid overall class.

6. Syracuse
Standout safety Jeremy Sellers enrolled in January.

7. Rutgers
Receiver Marcus Daniels of Miami could be a steal.

8. Temple
Loaded up on jucos (22 of 27), including quarterback Walter Washington.

Miami HURRICANES

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

2002 Record: 12-1 overall, 7-0 BIG EAST *(lost in double OT to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, 31-24)*

Official athletic Web site: www.hurricanesports.ocsn.com

Hurricanes' gale still blowing strong despite loss of Dorsey, McGahee and Co.

Okay, let's check in and see who walked out the door in Coral Gables.

Quarterback Ken Dorsey, he of all the passing records, is out of eligibility. Tailback Willis McGahee exited early despite a severe knee injury. Receiver Andre Johnson left early as well. Also gone are two offensive linemen, four defensive linemen and both specialists.

Somehow, Miami always seems to recover from the major blows. This year could be more of the same, depending on how things turn out at quarterback.

Brock Berlin, a transfer from Florida, will step in for Dorsey. But Berlin didn't just walk into the job. He found himself in a tougher fight than many expected with fellow junior Derrick Crudup, Dorsey's backup for two seasons. If Berlin falters, Crudup could get a quick call.

Berlin has now been through two seasons of spring practices at Miami. He threw for 653 yards and 11 touchdowns in two years at Florida, where he was stuck behind Rex Grossman. Crudup, stuck behind Dorsey, turned his limited playing time into 326 yards and three touchdowns over two seasons.

"As I said earlier, this is not an etched-in-stone situation," Miami coach Larry Coker says. "Everybody assumed that Brock would sort of just step in, but why would they assume that? He'd never taken one snap with this football team."

Kyle Wright, from Danville, Calif., enrolled at Miami in January. He was one of the nation's top quarterback prospects, and the early entry into college could move him along fast enough to take over quickly. He threw for almost 6,000 yards in his final two seasons of high school.

Kellen Winslow, *TE*

TOM HAUCK/ICON SMI

Frank Gore had a standout freshman season before injuring a knee (and making way for McGahee) last season. He's back. Gore averaged 9.1 yards per carry in 2001, when he played as a true freshman. He turned his 62 carries into 562 yards.

Speedy Roscoe Parrish figures to step in and take Johnson's place in the receiver corps. He is one of the league's best return men. At tight end, Miami has one of the nation's finest players in Kellen Winslow. He led Miami with 57 catches.

Up front, tackles Vernon Carey and Carlos Joseph and guard Chris Myers return.

Miami's defense behind its redone front is excellent. Linebackers Jonathan Vilma and D.J. Williams are as good as any. Vilma is the only returning unanimous all-league choice from last season, when he had 133 tackles. Williams had 14 of his 108 tackles behind the line.

The secondary was a major concern a year ago and ended up featuring a trio of all-league players in safeties Maurice Sikes and Sean Taylor and cornerback Antrel Rolle. Taylor had four interceptions, Sikes three. Kelly Jennings is the other member of the quartet that is back.

Tackle Vince Wilfork didn't start last season but still managed 15 tackles for loss. He'll anchor the line, where redshirt freshman end Baraka Atkins could turn into the next Miami superstar.

Kicker Todd Sievers and punter Freddie Capshaw seemed like fixtures at Miami, but they, too, are gone. Mark Gent figures to replace Sievers. Jon Peattie should take over as punter and will challenge Gent for the kicking job.

Weep not for Miami. It will remain an elite program. But do watch closely. The line between being exceptionally good and being national-championship material is narrow, and this may be the season the Hurricanes slip to the other side.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Orange Bowl
Capacity: 72,319
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Larry Coker, 3rd Year
Record: 24-1
Career Record: 24-1

ASST. COACHES
Rob Chudzinski (def. coord.), **Randy Shannon** (def. coord.), **Vernon Hargreaves** (LBs), **Curtis Johnson** (WRs), **Art Kehoe** (asst. head coach/OL), **Greg Mark** (DL), **Don Soldinger** (STs/RBs), **Mark Stoops** (DBs), **Dan Werner** (QBs), **Andreu Swasey** (strength and conditioning), **Jeff Merk** (dir. of football operations)

2003 SCHEDULE

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A. 30	@ Louisiana Tech		
S. 6	Florida	W	41-16
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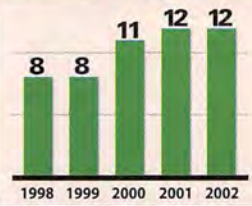
O. 11	@ Florida State	W	28-27
O. 18	Temple	W	44-21
N. 1	@ Virginia Tech	W	56-45
N. 8	Tennessee	W	26-3
N. 15	Syracuse	W	49-7
N. 22	Rutgers	W	42-17
N. 29	@ Pittsburgh	W	28-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/18

OFFENSE

QB	7	Brock Berlin (6-1, 209, Jr.)
	18	Derrick Crudup (6-1, 201, Jr.)
FB	23	Quadtrine Hill (6-2, 213, So.)
	41	Talib Humphrey (6-2, 229, Sr.)
TB	32	Frank Gore (5-10, 196, So.)
	34	Jarrett Payton (6-2, 218, Sr.)
LT	76	Carlos Joseph (6-6, 316, Sr.)
	64	Rashad Butler (6-5, 290, So.)
LG	67	Joe McGrath (6-5, 292, Sr.)
	74	Eric Winston (6-7, 290, So.)
C	70	Joel Rodriguez (6-3, 286, Jr.)
	78	Anthony Wollschlager (6-6, 300, R-Fr.)
RG	77	Chris Myers (6-5, 276, Jr.)
	63	Alex Pou (6-4, 276, R-Fr.)
RT	60	Vernon Carey (6-5, 350, Sr.)
	61	Tony Tella (6-5, 298, So.)
TE	81	Kellen Winslow (6-5, 233, Jr.)
	84	Kevin Everett (6-6, 245, Jr.)
WR	1	Roscoe Parrish (5-9, 157, So.)
	8	Darnell Jenkins (5-10, 170, Fr.)
WR	3	Jason Geathers (6-3, 210, Sr.)
	80	Akieem Jolla (6-4, 190, So.)

DEFENSE

LE	90	Thomas Carroll (6-5, 230, So.)
	98	Baraka Atkins (6-4, 240, R-Fr.)
LT	92	Orien Harris (6-4, 294, R-Fr.)
	56	Santonio Thomas (6-4, 302, Jr.)
RT	75	Vince Wilfork (6-2, 346, So.)
	97	Larry Anderson (6-4, 260, Sr.)
RE	93	John Square (6-5, 202, Jr.)
	94	John Wood (6-3, 225, R-Fr.)
SLB	50	Roger McIntosh (6-3, 220, So.)
	58	Jarrell Weaver (6-3, 203, Sr.)
MLB	51	Jonathan Vilma (6-2, 208, Sr.)
	44	Leon Williams (6-4, 225, So.)
WLB	17	D.J. Williams (6-2, 247, Sr.)
	49	Darrell McClover (6-2, 219, Sr.)
CB	22	Kelly Jennings (6-0, 170, So.)
	25	Alfonso Marshall (6-1, 180, Sr.)
CB	6	Antrel Rolle (6-1, 203, Jr.)
	31	Glenn Sharpe (5-11, 175, So.)
FS	26	Sean Taylor (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	19	Brandon Meriweather (6-1, 173, R-Fr.)
SS	36	Maurice Sikes (5-11, 193, Sr.)
	28	Greg Threat (6-2, 185, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	33	Mark Gent (6-1, 198, So.)
	39	Jon Peattie (6-3, 185, R-Fr.)
P	39	Jon Peattie (6-3, 185, R-Fr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 2

Pittsburgh PANTHERS

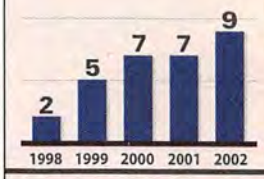
2002 Record: 9-4 overall, 5-2 BIG EAST *(beat Oregon State in the Insight.com Bowl, 38-13)*

Official athletic Web site: www.pittsburghpanthers.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	Kent State		
S.13	Ball State		
S.20	@ Toledo	W	37-19
S.27	@ Texas A&M	L	12-14
O.11	Notre Dame	L	6-14
O.18	@ Rutgers	W	23-3
O.25	Syracuse	W	48-24
N.1	@ Boston College	W (OT)	19-16
N.8	Virginia Tech	W	28-21
N.15	@ West Virginia	L	17-24
N.22	@ Temple	W	29-22
N.29	Miami (FL)	L	21-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/16

OFFENSE

QB	12	Rod Rutherford (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	3	Tyler Palko (6-2, 210, So.)
FB	32	Lousaka Polite (6-0, 240, Sr.)
	23	Tim Murphy (5-10, 230, So.)
TB	25	Brandon Miree (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	34	Jawan Walker (5-10, 190, So.)
LT	78	Rob Petitti (6-6, 330, Jr.)
	70	Jason Capizzi (6-9, 300, Fr.)
LG	52	Dan LaCarte (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	66	Penny Semaia (6-5, 330, Sr.)
C	62	Justin Belarski (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	64	Rob Frederick (6-3, 295, Jr.)
RG	71	Jon Schall (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	60	John Simonitis (6-3, 290, Fr.)
RT	75	Matt Morgan (6-7, 295, Sr.)
	59	Nick Pietracatello (6-3, 290, Sr.)
TE	83	Kris Wilson (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	45	Erik Gill (6-5, 255, So.)
WR	4	Chris Curd (6-3, 230, Sr.)
	85	Princell Brockenbrough (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	1	Larry Fitzgerald (6-3, 210, So.)
	29	Billy Gaines (5-7, 170, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Thomas Smith (6-4, 265, So.)
	57	Andy Alleman (6-4, 235, So.)
NT	96	Vince Crochunis (6-4, 285, Jr.)
	56	Charles Spencer (6-5, 320, So.)
DT	94	Dan Stephens (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	97	Kevin Harris (6-5, 275, So.)
DE	90	Claude Harriott (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	8	Malcolm Pinder (6-1, 230, Sr.)
OLB	44	Brian Bennett (6-0, 215, Fr.)
	37	Azzie Beagnyam (6-1, 230, Fr.)
MLB	48	Lewis Moore (6-2, 245, Sr.)
	40	Joe Dipre (6-4, 245, So.)
OLB	6	Malcolm Postell (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	54	Charles Sallet (6-0, 210, Fr.)
CB	19	Shawntae Spencer (6-2, 175, Sr.)
	2	Marcus Furman (5-8, 185, Jr.)
CB	27	William Ferguson (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	9	Josh Lay (6-2, 195, So.)
FS	20	Tez Morris (5-10, 185, So.)
	17	Corey Humphries (6-2, 205, Sr.)
SS	31	Tyrone Gilliard (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	46	Sam Bryant (6-0, 205, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	16	David Abdul (5-10, 175, So.)
	30	J.B. Gibboney (5-9, 175, Jr.)
P	36	Andy Lee (6-2, 205, Sr.)
	30	J.B. Gibboney (5-9, 175, Jr.)

Rutherford, Miree and Fitzgerald make these Panthers a prowling force on offense

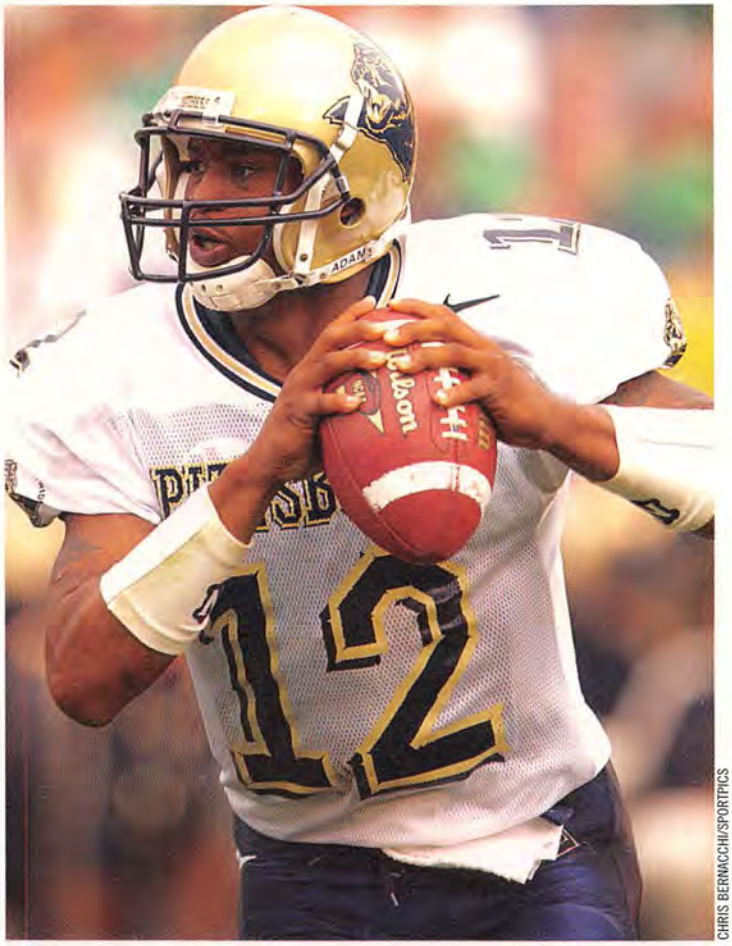
Before you even begin to seriously analyze the Panthers, a three-headed offensive monster hits you smack upside the head. At quarterback, running back and receiver, Pitt is simply loaded.

Senior quarterback Rod Rutherford had a breakout season in 2002, passing for 2,783 yards and 22 touchdowns and rushing for another 398 yards and six scores. Not bad for a guy who had a total of 262 passing yards coming into the season. A left-hander, Rutherford proved himself to be elusive and accurate.

The numbers for senior tailback Brandon Miree aren't terribly impressive on their own. He finished the season with 943 rushing yards (4.4-yard average) and four touchdowns. But he gathered more than half those yards in only four games. Miree ran for at least 113 yards in four of Pitt's final five games. And it wasn't against chump-change competition. He had 161 at Virginia Tech, 118 at Miami and 113 vs. Oregon State, a showing that earned him Offensive MVP honors in the Insight.com Bowl.

Sophomore receiver Larry Fitzgerald, meanwhile, did more than enough to ease the pain of the loss of Antonio Bryant to the NFL. Fitzgerald caught 69 passes for 1,005 yards and 12 touchdowns. He became the first true freshman in Big East history to be a unanimous all-league choice.

Because he went to prep school, this will be Fitzgerald's third year out of high school. That means he can bolt to the NFL after this season, a move that the rest of the Big East would love. Whenever he does come out, expect to hear his name called very early.



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Rod Rutherford, *QB*

The trio is surrounded by 12 other returning starters and a pair of specialists. At fullback is three-year regular Lousaka Polite. Up front, junior tackle Rob Petitti (6-6, 330 pounds), senior tackle Matt Morgan and senior guard Dan LaCarte are back. Petitti is among the nation's best.

Senior tight end Kris Wilson caught 18 passes for a 21.6-yard average last fall. A guy to watch as a complement to Fitzgerald is junior Princell Brockenbrough, who sat out last season with a knee injury.

Pitt's defensive line is outstanding, led by senior end Claude Harriott, an All-America candidate. He had 21 tackles for loss last year. Junior tackles Vince Crochunis and Dan Stephens rejoin him up front.

Gerald Hayes is gone at linebacker and the All-American (and his 402 career tackles) will be missed. A potential replacement is sophomore Joe Dipre. Senior Lewis Moore does return for his third season as a starter. He had 94 tackles a year ago.

Senior cornerback Shawntae Spencer will lead the secondary. Back, too, are junior strong safety Tyrone Gilliard and sophomore free safety Tez Morris.

Senior punter Andy Lee averaged 43.1 yards and was named All-Big East. Sophomore David Abdul made 13 of 20 field-goal attempts.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Heinz Field
Capacity: 65,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Walt Harris, 7th Year
Record: 36-35
Career Record: 47-59

ASST. COACHES
Bob Junko (asst. head coach/DTs), **Paul Rhoads** (def. coord./secondary), **J.D. Brookhart** (off. coord./WRs), **Dino Babers** (RBs), **Curtis Bray** (LBs), **Bryan Deal** (recruit. coord./specialists/QBs), **Tom Greeman** (run game coord./OL), **Bob Ligashesky** (TEs/special teams), **Charlie Partridge** (DEs), **Dave Kennedy** (strength and conditioning)

Virginia Tech HOKIES

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: 10-4 overall, 3-4 BIG EAST (*beat Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl, 20-13*)

Official athletic Web site: www.hokiesports.com

'Vick Reloaded' promises chills and thrills, but Randall, Jones offer plenty of excitement

The Bryan Randall-Marcus Vick competition at quarterback is one of the most watched position battles in years at Virginia Tech.

Randall, the incumbent starter, is a junior who was among the nation's leaders in passing efficiency. He is a threat with his legs as well as his arm, and only a disturbing tendency to fumble marred an otherwise strong 2002 season.

Vick is a redshirt freshman with a familiar name. Michael Vick is his brother. The younger Vick is a right-handed version and strong-armed, quick and elusive. He finished spring behind Randall on the depth chart, carrying the fight into the preseason. Should Randall continue to be fumble-prone, the Hokies won't hesitate to make the switch.

A quarterback controversy won't matter a bit, however, if the defensive front pulls the same meltdown in 2003 as it did in 2002. Tech was one of the nation's best teams through an 8-0 start. It was practically impossible to run against the Hokies. But injuries started to mount and players wore down. In their four losses, which came in the final five games, the Hokies surrendered almost 1,000 yards on the ground.

Questions remain on the defensive front. End Jim Davis is likely to miss the season after spring surgery on a torn chest muscle. The same injury sidelined tackle Kevin Lewis late last season and caused him to miss spring practice.

Nathaniel Adibi, *DE*

MICHAEL FARRELL

Lewis and his brother, sophomore Jonathan Lewis, should start at tackle with seniors Nathaniel Adibi and Cols Colas on the ends.

Vegas Robinson, a senior linebacker, was a force until an ankle injury sidelined him for three games. He's hoping spring surgery corrects the problem. Junior inside linebacker Mikal Baaqee has added about 15 pounds to put him at 235.

Tech's secondary of sophomore free safety Jimmy Williams and junior cornerbacks DeAngelo Hall and Vincent Fuller is talented. Eric Green returns at corner after missing last season with a knee injury. Senior Garnell Wilds, who can play either side and in any situation, led the team with five interceptions a year ago.

Hall will see double-duty. An experiment with him at wide receiver in the spring worked. The Hokies hope to be able to use him for about 30 plays on offense. Tech's top receiver is senior Ernest Wilford, who set a school mark with 51 catches last fall.

Junior Kevin Jones, who has 1,828 career yards despite making only three starts, will be the feature back this season. Senior fullback Doug Easlick is an excellent blocker who is also a threat as a receiver out of the backfield.

Tech has three tight ends in Keith Willis, Jared Mazzetta and Jeff King. The Hokies insist they'll go to the tight end more. Last year, the trio combined for just 10 catches.

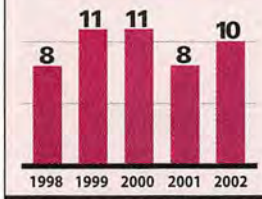
Senior center Jake Grove is a star on a line that struggled some, especially in past protection. Senior Jacob Gibson returns at guard and sophomore Jimmy Martin at tackle.

Junior punter Vinnie Burns was second-team All-Big East. The kicking game was an adventure last season, but it will be improved this year if senior Carter Warley's oft-injured back holds up.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Central Florida		
S.6	James Madison		
S.18	Texas A&M	W	13-3
S.27	Connecticut		
O.4	@ Rutgers	W	35-14
O.11	Syracuse	L	42-50
O.22	@ West Virginia	L	18-21
N.1	Miami (FL)	L	45-56
N.8	@ Pittsburgh	L	21-28
N.15	@ Temple	W	20-10
N.22	Boston College	W	28-33
N.29	@ Virginia	W	21-9

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/15

OFFENSE

QB	3	Bryan Randall (6-0, 222, Jr.)
	5	Marcus Vick (6-0, 203, r-Fr.)
TB	25	Kevin Jones (6-0, 209, Jr.)
	32	Cedric Humes (6-1, 223, r-So.)
FB	43	Doug Easlick (5-11, 238, r-Sr.)
	32	Cedric Humes (6-1, 223, r-So.)
LT	52	Jimmy Martin (6-5, 283, So.)
	61	Reggie Butler (6-6, 333, So.)
LG	60	Jacob Gibson (6-4, 306, r-Sr.)
	66	Will Montgomery (6-4, 298, r-So.)
C	64	Jake Grove (6-3, 300, r-Sr.)
	68	Robert Ramsey (6-3, 307, r-Jr.)
RG	76	James Miller (6-6, 304, Jr.)
	72	Jason Murphy (6-2, 296, r-So.)
RT	79	Jon Dunn (6-7, 343, r-Jr.)
	77	Brandon Gore (6-5, 328, r-Fr.)
TE	86	Keith Willis (6-5, 264, r-Sr.)
	90	Jeff King (6-5, 256-r-So.)
FL	12	Richard Johnson (5-10, 189, r-Jr.)
	27	Justin Hamilton (6-3, 209, r-So.)
SE	19	Ernest Wilford (6-4, 221, r-Sr.)
	81	Chris Shreve (6-0, 188, r-Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	83	Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 255, r-Sr.)
	95	Jim Davis (6-3, 255, Sr.)
DT	56	Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 292, So.)
	91	Jason Lallis (6-0, 250, r-Jr.)
DT	70	Kevin Lewis (6-1, 292, r-Jr.)
	71	Tim Sandidge (6-1, 283, r-So.)
DE	99	Cols Colas (6-0, 226, r-Sr.)
	96	Noland Burchette (6-2, 240, r-Fr.)
LB	48	Brandon Manning (6-0, 216, r-Jr.)
	42	James Anderson (6-2, 217, r-So.)
LB	45	Mikal Baaqee (5-10, 235, r-Jr.)
	33	Chad Cooper (6-2, 211, r-Jr.)
LB	6	Vegas Robinson (6-0, 244, r-Sr.)
	40	Blake Warren (6-3, 232, r-So.)
CB	8	Vincent Fuller (6-1, 181, r-Jr.)
	1	Eric Green (5-11, 190, r-Jr.)
CB	4	DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 198, Jr.)
	17	Garnell Wilds (5-11, 196, r-Sr.)
FS	18	Jimmy F. Williams (6-3, 213, So.)
	31	Mike Daniels (6-0, 205, r-Jr.)
ROV	21	Michael Crawford (5-11, 209, r-Sr.)
	24	D.J. Walton (5-9, 200, r-So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	49	Carter Warley (5-11, 198, r-Sr.)
	23	Nic Schmitt (6-1, 242, So.)
P	38	Vinnie Burns (5-11, 202, r-Jr.)
	23	Nic Schmitt (6-1, 242, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Lane Stadium/ Worsham Field
Capacity: 65,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Frak Beamer, 17th Year
Record: 117-69-2
Career Record: 159-92-4

ASST. COACHES
Billy Hite (Assoc. Head Coach/RBs), **Bud Foster** (Def. Coord./ILBs), **Bryan Sinespring** (Off. Coord./OL), **Jim Cavanaugh** (Rec. Coord./SS/OL), **Tony Ball** (WRs), **Danny Pearman** (TEs/OTs), **Kevin Rogers** (QBs), **Lorenzo Ward** (DBs), **Charley Wiles** (DL)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 4

West Virginia MOUNTAINEERS

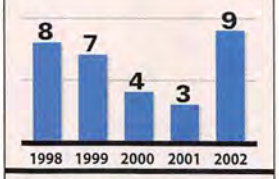
2002 Record: 9-4 overall, 6-1 BIG EAST *(lost to Virginia in the Continental Tire Bowl, 48-22)*

Official athletic Web site: www.msnsportsnet.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Wisconsin	L	17-34
S.6	@ East Carolina	W	37-17
S.13	@ Maryland	L	17-48
O.2	@ Miami (FL)	L	23-40
O.11	Rutgers	W	40-0
O.22	Virginia Tech	W	21-18
N.1	Central Florida		
N.8	@ Boston College	W	24-14
N.15	Pittsburgh	W	24-17
N.22	@ Syracuse	W	34-7
N.29	Temple	W	46-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/25

OFFENSE

QB	2	Rasheed Marshall (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	14	Charles Hales (6-0, 190, Jr.)
FB	46	Moe Fofana (5-10, 245, Sr.)
	40	Adam King (5-11, 230, Sr.)
TB	3	Quincy Wilson (5-9, 210, Sr.)
	25	Hikee Johnson (5-11, 207, Jr.)
OT	60	Tim Brown (6-5, 295, Sr.)
	78	Josh Stewart (6-5, 300, So.)
OG	61	Geoff Lewis (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	97	Jeremy Sheffey (6-2, 250, RFr.)
C	67	Ben Timmons (6-5, 270, Sr.)
	71	Justin Williams (6-2, 305, Jr.)
OG	68	Jeff Berk (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	76	Dan Mozes (6-3, 290, RFr.)
OT		Mike Watson (6-5, 305, Jr.)
	69	Garin Justice (6-7, 295, So.)
TE	44	Tory Johnson (6-2, 255, Sr.)
	49	Josh Bailey (6-5, 250, So.)
WR	18	Travis Garvin (6-2, 185, Sr.)
		Milo Austin (6-1, 190, So.)
WR	83	Miquelle Henderson (6-2, 205, Jr.)
		Nathan Forse (6-3, 204, RFr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Ben Lynch (6-4, 265, Jr.)
	65	Warren Young (6-2, 270, RFr.)
DT	99	Ernest Hunter (6-3, 270, So.)
	66	Craig Wilson (6-2, 300, RFr.)
DE	96	Fred Blueford (6-4, 285, Sr.)
		Pat Liebig (6-3, 250, Fr.)
LLB	6	Grant Wiley (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	33	Scott Gyorko (6-0, 200, Jr.)
MLB	91	Adam Lehnortt (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	55	Alex Lake (6-1, 230, So.)
RLB	52	Leandre Washington (5-11, 220, Sr.)
	43	Kevin McLee (6-1, 225, RFr.)
CB	11	Brian King (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	9	Adam Jones (5-11, 180, So.)
CB	19	Lance Frazier (5-10, 190, Sr.)
		Marcus Law (5-10, 190, RFr.)
SS	23	Mike Lorello (6-8, 185, So.)
		Mike Henshaw (5-10, 175, Jr.)
FS	37	Anthony Mims (6-0, 170, So.)
	26	Jerry White (6-0, 190, Jr.)
FS	48	Jahmile Addae (5-11, 207, Jr.)
	47	Lawrence Audena (5-11, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	23	Todd James (6-3, 205, Sr.)
	27	Brad Cooper (6-0, 200, RFr.)
P	38	Todd James (6-3, 205, Sr.)
	20	Eric Daugherty (5-11, 190, RFr.)

Without Avon calling, can Marshall bring order to Mountaineer offense?

Three Division I-A teams improved by six victories from the 2001 season. West Virginia was one of them, a fact that surprised most everyone—probably the folks at West Virginia as well.

Rich Rodriguez's team went 3-8 in his first season and then posted a 9-3 mark in the regular season a year ago. That earned the Mountaineers a bowl bid. It should have earned Rodriguez the Coach of the Year award as well, but didn't.

Now the question becomes: Was it smoke and mirrors or did West Virginia really become that good?

The evidence points to the Mountaineers being that good. This is the year of proof because they certainly won't be surprising anyone.

West Virginia has a player on each side of the ball who can be considered a legitimate Player-of-the-Year candidate in the Big East.

Senior linebacker Grant Wiley will be starting for the fourth year. He had 133 tackles last season, 14 of them behind the line.

Junior quarterback Rasheed Marshall turned his first season as a starter into a good one. He threw for 1,616 yards and rushed for another 666 (and 13 touchdowns) as part of an excellent ground game. His rushing total broke Michael Vick's league record for quarterbacks. West Virginia rushed for 3,687 yards and 39 touchdowns last season.

The West Virginia offense lost Avon Cobourne, who went over the 1,000-yard mark in each of his four seasons (1,710 last fall). He might not be missed. The explosive Quincy Wilson had 901 yards of his own as Cobourne's understudy. He averaged 6.4 yards a carry and had three 100-yard games, including 198 (on 14 carries) against East Carolina.

Junior Miquelle Henderson, who had twice as many catches (40) as any other Mountaineer, returns at wideout. Also back is tight end Josh Bailey, who had eight catches.

Junior guard Jeff Berk and senior tackle Tim Brown return on the line. They will lead a group trying to make up for the loss of a pair of all-league players in Lance Nimmo and Ken Sandor.

West Virginia's defense must be rebuilt almost completely. Wiley is one of only four returning starters. The others are senior cornerbacks Brian King and Lance Frazier and junior free safety Jahmile Addae. King and Addae each had four interceptions last season. One of King's came late in the end zone and saved a victory over Virginia Tech.

Senior Fred Blueford and junior Ben Lynch figure to step in at defensive end. Blueford played a lot last season and recorded four sacks. Sophomore Ernest Hunter saw his season cut short by a broken leg. He's the nose tackle in the Mountaineers' three-man front. Junior Adam Lehnortt (63 tackles) starts at middle linebacker.

Senior Todd James will kick again and may also punt in place of four-year starter Mark Fazzolari.

Rasheed Marshall, *QB*

BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

STADIUM INFO — **Name:** Mountaineer Field **Capacity:** 63,500 **Playing Surface:** Artifical

THE COACH — **Rich Rodriquez,** 3rd Year **Record:** 12-12 **Career Record:** 56-48-2

ASST. COACHES — **Rick Trickett** (Asst. Head Coach), **Jeff Casteel** (Def. Coord./LBs), **Steve Bird** (WRs), **Tony Gibson** (DBs), **Herb Hand** (TEs/Rec. Coord.), **Bill Kirelawich** (DL), **Calvin Magee** (RBs), **Bill Stewart** (QBs/STs), **Bruce Tall** (DL)

Boston College EAGLES

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 9-4 overall, 3-4 BIG EAST *(beat Toledo in the Motor City Bowl, 51-25)*

Official athletic Web site: http://bceagles.ocsn.com

Porter patrol of vacant QB slot will be key to making it five straight bowls for BC Eagles

Junior Quinton Porter only threw one incomplete pass last season for the Eagles. He wasn't intercepted either. Pretty nice numbers, eh?

The problem is, Porter's numbers came in very limited action. As backup to Brian St. Pierre, he got in just five games and threw only seven passes. Hey, six of them were complete.

This season, Porter steps up to the big stage. St. Pierre threw for 2,983 yards and 18 touchdowns last fall and finished his career third on B.C.'s all-time passing list. He was a major reason the Eagles had an excellent run-pass combo.

He won't be easy to replace. But if Porter can handle the job reasonably close to the way St. Pierre handled the job, the Eagles could be in a fifth straight bowl.

The other key component in the run-pass attack is senior Derrick Knight, the leading returning rusher in the Big East. As a junior, he stepped in for William Green and rushed for 1,432 yards on 259 carries. Knight is also a pretty good receiver. He caught 37 passes for more than a 10-yard average. Senior Greg Toal returns at fullback.

Porter's targets will be new, as the Eagles lost both Keith Hemmings (41 catches) and Jamal Burke (33). Juniors Grant Adams and Joel Hazard take over. Each caught five passes in the Motor City Bowl. Adams' catches went for two touchdowns, Hazard's for one. Adams finished the season with six TD catches.

Up front, junior Chris Snee and senior Augie Hoffman are the guards. To fill some gaps, coach Tom O'Brien moved junior Anthony Crosson and seniors Justin Hinds and Keith Leavitt from defense.

B.C. retains six defensive regulars, half of them on the line. Junior Tim Bulman and senior Tom Martin are at tackle. Rejoining them is senior Doug Goodwin, who was injured last season and gave way to Bulman. Goodwin sat out spring drills but is expected to be ready in the fall. He had 3.5 sacks in five games. Junior Phil Mettling stepped in at end when Antonio Garay was lost with an injury.

Josh Ott, a senior who led the team with 128 tackles, returns at linebacker, as does senior Brian Flores. Ott had a pair of interceptions last season, more than any other returnee. Middle linebacker Vinny Ciurciu graduated and sophomore Ray Henderson is his likely replacement.

Sophomore Larry Lester at cornerback is the only returnee in the secondary. He took over when Peter Shean went out with a torn anterior cruciate ligament after two games. Shean is expected back this season. Senior Paul Cook and junior T.J. Stancil should move in at the safety positions.

Kicker Sandro Sciortino made 23 field goals a year ago, a school record. His 107 points led all Big East kickers. Senior Rob Leuffen will take over for four-year punter Kevin McMyler.

CHRIS BERNACCHI/SPORTPICS

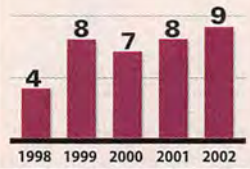
Derrick Knight, *TB*

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Alumni Stadium **Capacity:** 44,500 **Playing Surface:** AstroTurf 2009	**Tom O'Brien,** 7th Year **Record:** 40-31 **Career Record:** 40-31	**Jerry Petercuskie** (asst. head coach/recruiting coord./STs), **Dana Bible** (off. coord./QBs/WRs), **Frank Spaziani** (def. coord.), **Don Horton** (OL), **Bill McGovern** (LBs), **Jason Swepson** (RBs), **Keith Willis** (DL), **Kevin Lempa** (DBs), **Jim Bridge** (TEs), **Barry Gallup** (dir. of football operations)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Wake Forest		
S.6	@ Penn State		
S.13	@ Conecticut	W	24-16
S.20	Miami (FL)	L	6-38
S.27	Ball State		
O.11	Temple	W	36-14
O.18	@ Syracuse	W	41-20
O.25	Notre Dame	W	14-7
N.1	Pittsburgh	L	16-19
N.8	West Virginia	L	14-24
N.15	@ Rutgers	W	44-14
N.22	@ Virginia Tech	L	23-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

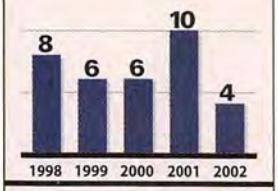
Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/25

OFFENSE		
QB	15	Quinton Porter (6-4, 215, Jr.)
	18	Paul Peterson (6-0, 180, Jr.)
FB	16	Greg Toal (5-11, 215, Sr.)
	46	Haven Perkins (5-11, 219, Jr.)
TB	20	Derrick Knight (5-9, 205, Sr.)
	28	Horace Dodd (6-1, 207, Sr.)
LT	72	Jeremy Trueblood (6-9, 295, So.)
	70	James Marten (6-8, 285, Fr.)
LG	78	Augie Hoffman (6-2, 305, Sr.)
	63	Shadu Moore (6-4, 305, Fr.)
C	66	Pat Ross (6-4, 280, So.)
	65	Chris Hathy (6-4, 282, So.)
RG	76	Chris Snee (6-2, 305, Jr.)
	75	Josh Beekman (6-3, 320, Fr.)
RT	64	Keith Leavitt (6-6, 345, Sr.)
	79	Anthony Crosson (6-3, 280, Jr.)
TE	89	Sean Ryan (6-5, 259, Sr.)
	86	Dave Kashetta (6-3, 248, Jr.)
WR	5	Grant Adams (6-0, 189, Jr.)
	82	Jason Lilly (6-2, 200, Fr.)
WR	84	Joel Hazard (5-9, 184, Jr.)
	26	Tony Gonzalez (6-1, 180, Fr.)
DEFENSE		
LE	94	Mathian Kiwanuka (6-6, 248, So.)
	92	Myran Hunter (6-2, 233, Jr.)
LT	98	Doug Goodwin (6-1, 285, Sr.)
	56	Alvin Washington (6-0, 297, So.)
RT	90	Tom Martin (6-4, 282, Sr.)
	96	Tim Bulman (6-3, 280, Jr.)
RE	93	Phillip Mettling (6-2, 257, Jr.)
	99	Jim Unis (6-4, 252, So.)
LB	36	Brian Flores (5-11, 212, Sr.)
	34	Patrick McShane (6-0, 199, So.)
LB	3	Ray Henderson (6-3, 225, So.)
	55	Ricky Brown (6-2, 230, So.)
LB	45	Josh Ott (6-2, 225, Sr.)
	10	Kevin Kiley (6-3, 225, Sr.)
CB	1	Will Blackmon (6-0, 175, So.)
	6	Larry Lester (5-7, 169, So.)
CB	4	Jazzmen Williams (5-8, 178, So.)
	19	Peter Shean (5-9, 177, Jr.)
SS	27	Paul Cook (5-11, 201, Sr.)
	9	Larry Anam (6-1, 180, Fr.)
FS	23	T.J. Stancil (6-1, 202, Jr.)
	7	Nathanael Hasselbeck (5-11, 179, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	33	Sandro Sciortino (5-10, 201, Sr.)
P	80	Rob Leuffen (6-5, 232, Sr.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	@ North Carolina	L	22-30
S.13	Louisville		
S.20	Central Florida	W	38-35
S.27	Toledo		
O.11	@ Virginia Tech	W	50-42
O.18	Boston College	L	20-41
O.25	Pittsburgh	L	24-48
N.8	Temple	L	16-17
N.15	@ Miami (FL)	7-49	
N.29	@ Rutgers	W	45-14
D.6	Notre Dame		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 24/15

OFFENSE

QB	5	R.J. Anderson (6-1, 233, Sr.)
	16	Xzavier Gaines (6-4, 206, So.)
FB	43	Thump Belton (6-0, 240, Sr.)
	35	Greg Hanoian (6-2, 267, Jr.)
TB	39	Walter Reyes (5-10, 205, Jr.)
	1	Damien Rhodes (6-1, 193, So.)
OT	78	Adam Terry (6-8, 300, Jr.)
	77	Tim Carignan (6-3, 284, So.)
OG	75	Matt Tarullo (6-5, 313, Jr.)
	71	Steve Franklin (6-3, 310, So.)
C	61	Nick Romeo (6-1, 298, Sr.)
	68	Chris Buda (6-2, 297, Sr.)
OG	72	Jason Greene (6-5, 301, So.)
	95	Charles Simpson (6-3, 322, Sr.)
OT	74	Kevin Sampson (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	69	Quinn Ojinnaka (6-5, 264, So.)
TE	40	Joe Donnelly (6-3, 252, Sr.)
	41	Lenny Cusumano (6-1, 255, Sr.)
WR	12	Jared Jones (5-11, 192, Jr.)
	82	Rashard Williams (5-6, 152, So.)
WR	2	Johnnie Morant (6-4, 223, Sr.)
	80	Andre Fontenette (6-2, 227, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LE	97	Josh Thomas (6-7, 288, Sr.)
	56	Julian Pollard (6-4, 252, Jr.)
DT	99	Louis Gachelin (6-1, 285, Sr.)
	70	Kader Drame (6-5, 288, So.)
NT	93	Christian Ferrara (6-4, 302, Sr.)
	96	Brian Hooper (6-2, 285, Jr.)
RE	90	James Wyche (6-5, 242, So.)
	94	Ryan Lacasse (6-2, 248, So.)
SLB	45	Kelvin Smith (6-2, 230, Rf)
	92	Tommy Harris (6-2, 245, So.)
MLB	57	Rich Scanlon (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	46	Cory Brooks (6-1, 227, So.)
WLB	31	Kellen Pruitt (6-3, 216, So.)
	42	Luke Cain (6-0, 205, Rf)
CB	25	Steve Gregory (5-11, 178, So.)
	26	Terrell Lemon (5-10, 152, Rf)
CB	29	Thomas Whitfield (5-9, 187, So.)
	15	Moe Sidibe (5-10, 175, Jr.)
SS	22	Diamond Ferri (5-10, 206, Jr.)
	18	Troy Swittenburg (5-9, 204, Jr.)
FS	21	O'Neil Scott (6-0, 198, Jr.)
	37	Anthony Smith (6-0, 171, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	19	Collin Barber (6-1, 201, Jr.)
	47	Brendan Carney(6-5, 171, Rf)
P	47	Brendan Carney(6-5, 171, Rf)
	19	Collin Barber (6-1, 201, Jr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

Syracuse ORANGEMEN

SYRACUSE ATHLETICS

2002 Record: 4-8 overall, 2-5 BIG EAST

Official athletic Web site: www.suathletics.com

Pasqualoni, Anderson out to show that 2002 season was just an aberration

Syracuse was better than everybody expected two years ago and not quite as good as expected last season. Was it an aberration? Coach Paul Pasqualoni hadn't had a losing record in 11 previous seasons at Syracuse.

Or was it a sign that the Syracuse program is in decline? Many think that's the case. This year is the Orangemen's chance to prove them wrong.

A key to doing that is senior quarterback R.J. Anderson, who started seven times last fall. Tired of the inconsistency, Pasqualoni gave the job back to Troy Nunes late in the season. Anderson threw for 899 yards and four touchdowns. His completion percentage was low (43.3) and he was intercepted eight times.

If Anderson lives up to his billing, Syracuse will be a much better team. If Anderson falters, Pasqualoni may make a change again and turn things over to sophomore Xzavier Gaines or freshman Perry Patterson.

Syracuse's backs are as solid as anyone's. Junior Walter Reyes ran for 1,1135 yards and a 6.2 average (and 17 touchdowns) last season. The touchdown total is a school record. Sophomore Damien Rhodes ran 568 yards. His 1,268 all-purpose yards were sixth-best in the Big East.

The top returnee at receiver is senior Johnnie Morant. Like Anderson, Morant has fallen a bit shy of his billing. He has caught a pass in 17 straight games, but had just 24 catches in all last season. Senior tight end Joe Donnelly caught 12 passes for a 12.3-yard average.

Syracuse is strong on the offensive line with four regulars back, led by senior center Nick Romeo. He's a three-time All-Academic Big East honoree. He's also talented. Romeo is on the watch list for the Outland Trophy and Rimington Award. Rejoining him on the unit are senior Kevin Sampson and junior Adam Terry at tackle and junior Matt Tarullo at guard.

Senior tackle Louis Gachelin is the pride of the Syracuse defense. He had 17 tackles behind the line last season, including 8.5 sacks. Fellow tackle and senior Christian Ferrara and senior end Josh Thomas are also back. Sophomore end James Wyche recorded 41 tackles a year ago.

Linebacker Rich Scanlon is another standout. A senior and Syracuse's only returning starter at the position, Scanlon had 60 tackles last season. Sophomore Kellen Pruitt and freshman Kelvin Smith went into spring practice the leading contenders for the other two linebacking spots.

Look for a big year from sophomore cornerback Steve Gregory, a Football Writers Freshman All-American last season. He became the first rookie to lead the league in pass breakups. He's also a kick returner (22.1-yard average).

Junior O'Neil Scott steps in at free safety and classmate Diamond Ferri takes over at strong safety. Sophomore Thomas Whitfield looks to be the other cornerback.

Junior Collin Barber is back at kicker. He also figures to be the backup to freshman punter Brendan Carney.

Johnnie Morant, *WR*

RICK STEWART/GETTY IMAGES

STADIUM INFO
Name: Carrier Dome
Capacity: 50,000
Playing Surface: Artificial

THE COACH
Paul Pasqualoni, 13th Year
Record: 95-47-1
Career Record: 129-64-1

ASST. COACHES
Jerry Azzinaro (DL/recruiting coord.), **Steve Bush** (QBs), **George DeLeone** (off. coord./OL), **Steve Dunlap** (LBs), **Dennis Goldman** (WRs), **Chris Rippon** (def. coord.), **David Walker** (RBs), **Chris White** (TEs/STs), **Reggie Terry** (dir. of football operations)

Temple OWLS

CONFERENCE RANK: 7

2002 Record: 4-8 overall, 2-5 BIG EAST

Official athletic Web site: www.owlsports.com

Owls look to juco transfusion in search of something to hoot about

Scanning the quick facts on Temple's preseason information sheet is a very enlightening experience. Under stadium it says "To be determined." The Owls are a team without a definite home.

The same thing can be said about Temple's future. It's two more seasons until the school's departure from the Big East takes effect, and no one knows for sure where Temple will end up.

That makes for some difficult recruiting, but Temple coach Bobby Wallace addressed that in an interesting way. Almost all of the Owls' recruiting class came from the junior-college ranks. Like Temple, they're two and done as well.

Many members of Temple's starting lineup could come from that JC haul. One to watch closely is quarterback Walter Washington, who could challenge incumbent Mike McGann.

From Dodge City Community College in Kansas, Washington is 6-2, 246 pounds and is a runner and thrower. He has three seasons to play. Last year, he passed for 1,464 yards and rushed for 708.

Washington's top target could be another juco, Phil Goodman, who was originally headed to Oregon out of high school. He comes from Sacramento City College, where he had 79 catches last season.

Tanardo Sharps, a solid back, is gone. Makonnen Fenton could step in for him, as could transfer Jamil Porter.

Joe Laudano is the lone returnee on the offensive line. Fellow senior guard Jose Portillo has starting experience.

Linebacker should be Temple's strength on defense with the return of sophomore Rian Wallace (76 tackles) and senior Troy Bennett. The line will sorely miss Dan Klecko, the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

Temple led the Big East in rushing defense (108.3 yards per game), the first time it has led the league in any team defensive category. Rodney Wormley returns at end. He had 42 tackles as a freshman.

Senior cornerback Yazid Jackson is the lone returnee in the secondary.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@ Penn State
S.6	Villanova
S.20	@ Cincinnati
S.27	@ Louisville
O.4	@ Middle Tennessee St.
O.11	Boston College
O.18	@ Miami (FL)
O.25	Rutgers
N.8	@ Syracuse
N.15	Virginia Tech
N.22	Pittsburgh
N.29	@ West Virginia

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 23
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/10

OFFENSE

QB	16	Mike McGann (6-6, 210, Jr.)
FB	34	Makonnen Fenton (5-10, 200, Sr.)
TB	26	Sean Szarka (6-2, 210, So.)
LT	78	John Gross (6-6, 285, So.)
LG	65	Joe Laudano (6-2, 290, Sr.)
C	50	C.J. Blomvall (6-2, 305, Jr.)
RG	75	Jose Portillo (6-4, 305, Sr.)
RT	77	Adam Boyd (6-4, 295, Sr.)
TE	84	Eric Carpenter (6-6, 255, Jr.)
WR	1	Phil Goodman (6-3, 215, Jr.)
WR	3	Terrence Stubbs (6-0, 195, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	45	Mike Mendenhall (6-3, 250, So.)
NT	93	Taso Apostolidis (6-0, 285, Sr.)
DT	94	Luis Lumpris (6-3, 295, Sr.)
DE	89	Rodney Wormley (6-4, 226, So.)
SLB	44	Troy Bennett (6-2, 250, Sr.)
WLB	17	Rian Wallace (6-4, 250, So.)
CB	6	Donnie Coleman (5-10, 175, Sr.)
CB	5	Yazid Jackson (5-10, 185, Sr.)
FS	21	Jonathan McPhee (5-11, 185, So.)
SS	35	Sadeke Konte (6-1, 215, Jr.)
ROV	28	Lawrence Wade (6-0, 195, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	38	Jared Davis (5-6, 145, Sr.)
P	49	Garvin Ringwelski (6-5, 235, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Veterans Stadium (tentative)
Capacity: 66,592
Playing Surface: Artificial

THE COACH

Bobby Wallace, 6th Year
Record: 16-40
Career Record: 98-76-1

Rutgers SCARLET KNIGHTS

CONFERENCE RANK: 8

2002 Record: 1-11 overall, 0-7 BIG EAST

Official athletic Web site: www.scarletknights.com

Schiano doesn't want to live through another 'Scarlet Knightmare' like last season

Greg Schiano is entering his third season in charge of the Rutgers program. His next Big East victory will be his first.

The Scarlet Knights have lost 30 times in 33 games overall. Last season, they lost to Division I-AA Villanova and Division I-A Buffalo (a team it defeated the previous season). Neither game was particularly close. Every team except Army, Rutgers' lone victim, scored at least 20 points on the Knights; nine scored at least 34.

Yet Schiano remains optimistic that this is a program on the right track. Only 12 starters are back, which may be a good thing.

Senior cornerback Nate Jones is the best of the bunch, primarily because of his return skills. He shared honors for the Big East's Special-Teams Player of the Year. He needs 736 yards to become the Big East's all-time kickoff-return leader. And Rutgers receives plenty of kickoffs. Jones is also the team's top returning tackler.

Senior corner Brandow Haw and junior safety Jarvis Johnson rejoin Jones in the secondary. Senior linebackers Brian Bender and Brian Hohmann return. Seniors Gary Gibson and Raheem Orr are back on the line. Orr had 9.5 tackles for losses last season.

Three of the five returning offensive regulars are linemen: guards Brian Duffy and Sameeh McDonald and center Marty Pyszczymuka. Sophomore split end Shawn Tucker had 21 receptions last fall.

Senior Ted Trump and sophomore Ryan Hart both saw time at quarterback. Hart is first on the depth chart going into the spring. He started the final four games in 2002 and completed 45.9 percent of his passes.

Sophomore Markis Facyson, who had a team-best 398 yards (on 124 carries), leads the logjam at running back. Junior Ray Pilch, formerly the No. 1 fullback, is now the No. 1 tight end. He caught 16 passes for 135 yards last season.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Buffalo
S.6	@ Michigan State
S.13	@ Army
S.27	Navy
O.4	Virginia Tech
O.11	@ West Virginia
O.18	Pittsburgh
O.25	@ Temple
N.8	@ Connecticut
N.15	Boston College
N.22	@ Miami (FL)
N.29	Syracuse

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/20

OFFENSE

QB	11	Ryan Hart (6-2, 195, So.)
FB	15	Brian Leonard (6-2, 320, So.)
RB	22	Markis Facyson (5-10, 195, So.)
LT	62	Mike Williamson (6-5, 289, Sr.)
LG	73	Brian Duffy (6-5, 300, Sr.)
C	52	Marty Pyszczymuka (6-2, 275, Sr.)
RG	76	John Glass (6-5, 320, Jr.)
RT	66	Clint Dato (6-5, 325, Jr.)
TE	47	Ray Pilch (6-3, 240, Jr.)
FL	8	Tres Moses (5-10, 190, Jr.)
SE	89	Shawn Tucker (6-2, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	1	Raheem Orr (6-4, 260, Sr.)
DT	95	Gary Gibson (6-4, 290, Sr.)
DT	98	Luis Rivas (6-4, 275, So.)
DE	39	Piana Lukabu (6-3, 235, Jr.)
LB	42	Brian Bender (6-3, 235, Sr.)
LB	38	Will Gilkison (6-2, 230, So.)
LB	35	William Beckford (6-1, 220, So.)
CB	32	Nate Jones (5-10, 180, Sr.)
CB	24	Brandon Haw (6-0, 185, Sr.)
FS	28	Bryan Durango (5-10, 185, So.)
SS	20	Jarvis Johnson (5-11, 195, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Mike Cortese (6-3, 205, So.)
P	30	Joe Radigan (6-5, 240, So.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Rutgers Stadium
Capacity: 41,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Greg Schiano, 3rd Year
Record: 3-20
Career Record: 3-20

BIG TEN *Predicted order of finish:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Michigan	Ohio State	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Iowa	Penn State	Purdue	Northwestern	Illinois	Michigan State	Indiana
p.39	p.40	p.41	p.42	p.43	p.44	p.45	p.46	p.47	p.48	p.48

It's now or 'Navarre' for the Wolverines, who should enjoy their year at The Big House

By JACK EBLING

For the first time in 34 years, a Big Ten team is your undisputed national champion.

The Ohio State Buckeyes shocked the college football world with a double-overtime victory over Miami in the Fiesta Bowl last Jan. 3.

But for OSU to defend that title, it will have to survive treacherous trips to Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan. That might be simpler said than accomplished since the Buckeyes haven't beaten the Wolverines three straight times since a four-game streak from 1960-63.

Michigan can replace its border rival in the BCS title game if Lloyd Carr can top OSU coach Jim Tressel for the first time in three tries. If not, he might begin to know how former Buckeye coach John Cooper felt about him.

The Wolverines could rule the conference with quarterback John Navarre and a favorable schedule. They don't have to play Penn State and Wisconsin, projected first-division teams, and get the Buckeyes in Ann Arbor on Nov. 22.

The Badgers and fast-improving Minnesota lead the rest of the Big Ten contenders. But Iowa, a defending co-champ, and Penn State are good enough to surprise the favorites.

Games to watch

Michigan at Iowa, Oct. 4
Can the Wolverines deliver a payback for last year's 25-point pasting at home?

Wisconsin at Minnesota, Nov. 8
The winner of this game should be in the race all the way and could steal a title.

Ohio State at Michigan, Nov. 22
The Big Ten crown is on the line in Ann Arbor, where the Buckeyes prevailed in 2001.

Purdue and Northwestern can pull an upset or two and qualify for a bowl game. Neither team appears to have the strength to make that a New Year's Day date.

Michigan State will begin a rebuilding job under John L. Smith, who left Louisville for East Lansing. He'll discover that there are more horses in any race at Churchill Downs than there are on MSU's defense.

Illinois and Indiana have work to do to reach .500. The I's don't seem to have it this year. Both should be in the league's bottom tier.

Individually, OSU tailback Maurice Clarett can win every honor available to a runner, including the Heisman Trophy.

The road to a national title repeat will be rougher for OSU, notwithstanding eight games in Ohio Stadium.

ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Asad Abdul-Khaliq**, sr., Minnesota
RB—**Maurice Clarett**, so., Ohio State
RB—**Anthony Davis**, jr., Wisconsin
WR—**Lee Evans**, sr., Wisconsin
WR—**Braylon Edwards**, jr., Michigan
TE—**Ben Utecht**, sr., Minnesota
OL—**Robert Gallery**, sr., Iowa
OL—**Dan Buenning**, jr., Wisconsin
OL—**Alex Stepanovich**, sr., Ohio State
OL—**David Baas**, jr., Michigan
OL—**Tony Pape**, sr., Michigan
PK—**Nate Kaeding**, sr., Iowa

DEFENSE

DL—**Derrick Strong**, sr., Illinois
DL—**Anttaj Hawthorne**, jr., Wisconsin
DL—**Tim Anderson**, sr., Ohio State
DL—**Will Smith**, sr., Ohio State
LB—**Robert Reynolds**, sr., Ohio State
LB—**Gino Capone**, sr., Penn State
LB—**Niko Koutouvides**, sr., Purdue
DB—**Marlin Jackson**, jr., Michigan
DB—**Bob Sanders**, sr., Iowa
DB—**Jim Leonhard**, jr., Wisconsin
DB—**Stuart Schweigert**, sr., Purdue
P—**Adam Finley**, jr., Michigan

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Lee Evans**, Wisconsin
Best hands: **John Standeford**, Purdue
Best passing QB: **Jon Beutjer**, Illinois
Best option QB: **Asad Abdul-Khaliq**, Minnesota
Most elusive RB: **Anthony Davis**, Wisconsin
Best instincts: **Stuart Schweigert**, DB, Purdue
Best athlete: **Chris Gamble**, WR-DB, Ohio State
Best under pressure: **Craig Krenzel**, QB, Ohio State
Top NFL prospect: **Maurice Clarett**, RB, Ohio State
Top impact freshman: **LaMarr Woodley**, LB, Michigan
Hardest hitter: **Niko Koutouvides**, LB, Purdue
Biggest underachiever: **Jeff Smoker**, QB, Michigan State

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Joe Tiller**, Purdue
Best recruiter: **Jim Tressel**, Ohio State
Coach on the spot: **Randy Walker**, Northwestern

Don't be surprised if ...

Minnesota wins enough to make **Glen Mason** the hottest coaching prospect for 2004.

One man's opinion

"Ohio State has the best talent. But Michigan has enough players to win the title and the schedule to get that done. The thing is, the Wolverines had a better shot two years ago and couldn't get it done."

—a Big Ten assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. Michigan
Linebacker LaMarr Woodley and DBs Prescott Burgess and Ryan Mundy are as good as any trio of freshman defenders.

2. Ohio State
Cornerback Donte Whitner and TE Louis Irizary rank with the nation's best, as the Buckeyes sign just 15 players.

3. Iowa
OL Mike Jones is as good as any blocker in the nation.

4. Wisconsin
Defensive lineman Justin Ostrowski and TE Joe Thomas rank with the nation's best at their positions.

5. Penn State
Running back Austin Scott could have an early impact.

6. Illinois
RB Marcus Mason highlights a list of 25 prospects.

7. Purdue
Strategic raid on Michigan drew good prospects.

8. Indiana
Gerry DiNardo's depleted program got much-needed depth with 22 signees, including 13 defensive players.

9. Minnesota
Notre Dame took most of the top talent from the state. But Glen Mason regrouped and went elsewhere.

10. Northwestern
Randy Walker didn't get all the players he wanted. But, as usual, he wanted all the players he got.

11. Michigan State
John L. Smith's late start puts the Spartans in an impossible position, but just for this year.

Michigan WOLVERINES

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

2002 Record: 10-3 overall, 6-2 BIG TEN *(beat Florida in the Outback Bowl, 38-30)*

Official athletic Web site: www.mgoblue.com

Suddenly confident Navarre will lead Michigan into showdown with Buckeyes in late November–and look for him to prevail

The Wolverines will have a new, $3 million locker room in Michigan Stadium this year. But the big news is a new commitment to dress in the Rose Bowl, where Carr's team hasn't played since earning a share of the national championship six seasons ago.

That could change on Jan. 1 if Carr and quarterback John Navarre have outstanding years. Even if the Wolverines stumble against Notre Dame or at Oregon in September, they should be 7-0 in the conference when the Buckeyes visit—34 years from the day Michigan stunned Woody Hayes' defending national champs and rekindled a classic rivalry.

Navarre, a fifth-year senior, was ridiculed for the better part—and all the worst parts—of 2000-01. Last season, he showed real progress, silenced his critics and set school season passing marks for attempts, completions, yards and 200-yard games.

Don't be shocked if Navarre breaks those records with help from the league's top receivers, even after the loss of star tight end Bennie Joppru. Braylon Edwards, who had 67 grabs for 1,035 yards as a sophomore, has earned the right to switch his jersey from No. 80 to No. 1. He'll have help from wideouts Jason Avant, Calvin Bell, Tyrece Butler and friends.

The offensive line should be fine, led by fifth-year right tackle Tony Pape and junior right guard David Baas. Center David Pearson and guard/tackle Courtney Morgan, both fifth-year players, and left tackle Adam Stenavich, a key contributor as a freshman, are also back.

Senior Chris Perry rushed for 1,110 yards and 14 touchdowns last season and was named to most All-Bowl teams. Still, he can do much better than 85.4 yards per game, even without standout fullback B.J. Askew clearing the way.

The defense will have to replace five starters, including NFL second-round pick Victor Hobson at outside linebacker. But any unit with junior cornerback Marlin Jackson, a serious candidate for the Jim Thorpe Award, should pose problems for opponents. Jackson set a Michigan season record a year ago with 18 pass breakups.

Fifth-year tackle Grant Bowman and senior end Larry Stevens return to anchor the line. Fifth-year veteran Carl Diggs and senior Zach Kaufman are back at inside linebacker. And fifth-year corner Jeremy LeSueur could have his best year, if he can hold off junior Markus Curry.

Fifth-year tackle Norman Heuer, sophomore tackle Gabe Watson, senior end Alain Kashama, sophomore linebacker Lawrence Reid, junior outside linebacker Roy Manning, sophomore outside linebacker Pierre Woods, fifth-year strong safety Jon Shaw and sophomore free safety Ernest Shazor would have started for most programs last season.

Adam Finley had a solid sophomore year as a punter and took over the placekicking duties with five games remaining. He'll have to hold off erratic returnee Philip Brabbs and promising freshman Garrett Rivas to handle the field goals and extra points again.

There could be enough kicks for everyone if Navarre, Edwards and Perry put up the points everyone expects. But a 3-0 win over the Buckeyes would suit the Wolverines just fine.

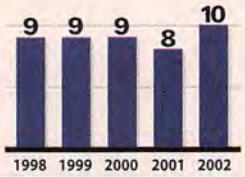
Marlin Jackson, *CB*

MICHAEL FARRELL

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Central Michigan		
S.6	Houston		
S.13	Notre Dame	L	23-25
S.20	@ Oregon		
S.27	Indiana		
O.4	@ Iowa	L	9-34
O.11	@ Minnesota	W	41-24
O.18	Illinois	W	45-28
O.25	Purdue	W	23-21
N.1	@ Michigan State	W	49-3
N.15	@ Northwestern		
N.22	Ohio State	L	9-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/23

OFFENSE

QB	16	John Navarre (6-6, 228, Sr.)
	7	Spencer Brinton (6-5, 244, Sr.)
FB	44	Sean Sanderson (6-3, 289, So.)
	32	Kevin Dudley (6-1, 232, Jr.)
TB	23	Chris Perry (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	5	David Underwood (6-0, 220, Jr.)
OT	79	Adam Stenavich (6-5, 302, So.)
	62	Courtney Morgan (6-3, 298, Sr.)
OG	75	David Baas (6-5, 320, Jr.)
	72	Rueben Riley (6-3, 318, Fr.)
C	57	Dave Pearson (6-3, 291, Sr.)
	55	Andy Christopfel (6-3, 295, Jr.)
OG	67	Matt Lentz (6-6, 301, So.)
	65	Leo Henige (6-4, 318, So.)
OT	77	Tony Pape (6-6, 305, Sr.)
	74	Demeterius Solomon (6-6, 297, Sr.)
TE	88	Tim Massaquoi (6-4, 231, So.)
	14	Andy Mignery (6-3, 250, Sr.)
WR	8	Jason Avant (6-1, 206, So.)
	9	Tyrece Butler (6-3, 213, Sr.)
WR	1	Braylon Edwards (6-3, 206, Jr.)
	15	Steve Breaston (6-1, 169, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	95	Alain Kashama (6-5, 259, Sr.)
	91	Rondell Biggs (6-2, 261, Fr.)
DT	60	Grant Bowman (6-1, 290, Sr.)
	94	Patrick Massey (6-8, 262, So.)
DT	90	Norman Heuer (6-5, 288, Sr.)
	78	Gabriel Watson (6-4, 358, So.)
DE	13	Larry Stevens (6-3, 261, Sr.)
	50	Jeremy Van Alstyne (6-4, 235, Fr.)
LB	99	Pierre Woods (6-5, 238, Fr.)
	58	Roy Manning (6-2, 238, Jr.)
LB	37	Zach Kaufman (6-1, 234, Sr.)
	43	Carl Diggs (6-1, 247, Sr.)
LB	36	Scott McClintock (6-2, 243, So.)
	42	Lawrence Reid (6-1, 219, So.)
CB	3	Marlin Jackson (6-1, 189, Jr.)
	33	Charles Young III (5-11, 195, Jr.)
CB	21	Jeremy LeSueur (6-1, 199, Sr.)
	30	Markus Curry (5-11, 181, Jr.)
FS	25	Ernest Shazor (6-4, 218, So.)
	19	Willis Barringer (5-11, 198, Fr.)
SS	22	Jon Shaw (6-0, 202, Sr.)
	28	Jacob Stewart (6-0, 204, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	39	Adam Finley (6-4, 206, Jr.)
	34	Philip Brabbs (6-2, 200, Sr.)
P	39	Adam Finley (6-4, 206, Jr.)
	14	Andy Mignery (6-3, 250, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Michigan Stadium
Capacity: 107,501
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Lloyd Carr, 9th Year
Record: 76-23
Career Record: 76-23

ASST. COACHES
Teryl Austin (DBs), **Erik Campbell** (WRs), **Jim Herrmann** (def. coord.), **Fred Jackson** (asst. head coach/RBs), **Scot Loeffler** (QBs), **Terry Malone** (off. coord./TEs), **Andy Moeller** (OL), **Bill Sheridan** (DL/recruit. coord.), **Jim Boccher** (assoc head coach/DL), **Mike Gittleson** (weight training and cond.), **Steve Morrison** (OLBs), **Scott Draper** (dir. of football oper.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 2

Ohio State
BUCKEYES

2002 Record: 14-0 overall, 8-0 BIG TEN *(beat Miami in double overtime in the Fiesta Bowl, 31-24)*

Official athletic Web site: www.ohiostatebuckeyes.ocsn.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A. 30	Washington		
S. 6	San Diego State		
S. 13	N.C. State		
S. 20	Bowling Green		
S. 27	Northwestern		
O. 11	@ Wisconsin	W	19-14
O. 18	Iowa		
O. 25	@ Indiana	W	45-17
N. 1	@ Penn State	W	13-7
N. 8	Michigan State		
N. 15	Purdue	W	10-6
N. 22	@ Michigan	W	14-9

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/13

OFFENSE

QB	16	Craig Krenzel (6-4, 225, Sr.)
	15	Scott McMullen (6-3, 215, Sr.)
FB	38	Brandon Joe (6-4, 245, Jr.)
	43	Brandon Schnittker (6-1, 250, So.)
TB	13	Maurice Clarett (6-0, 230, So.)
	30	Lydell Ross (6-0, 210, Jr.)
OT	53	Ivan Douglas (6-8, 305, Sr.)
	77	Rob Sims (6-4, 305, So.)
OG	63	Adrien Clarke (6-5, 355, Sr.)
	66	R.J. Coleman (6-5, 255, So.)
C	76	Alex Stepanovich (6-4, 310, Jr.)
	55	Nick Mangold (6-4, 280, So.)
OG	79	Bryce Bishop (6-3, 312, Sr.)
	64	Adam Olds (6-4, 290, So.)
OT	71	Shane Olivea (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	52	Mike Kne (6-4, 300, Sr.)
TE	88	Ben Hartsock (6-4, 264, Sr.)
	80	Ryan Hamby (6-5, 240, So.)
FL	7	Chris Gamble (6-2, 180, Jr.)
	3	Bam Childress (5-10, 185, Jr.)
SE	12	Michael Jenkins (6-5, 215, Sr.)
	8	Drew Carter (6-4, 200, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	75	Simon Fraser (6-6, 250, Jr.)
	99	Jay Richardson (6-5, 245, Fr.)
DT	56	Darrion Scott(6-3, 271, Sr.)
	94	Marcus Green (6-3, 300, So.)
DT	54	Tim Anderson (6-4, 289, Sr.)
	90	Quinn Pitcock (6-4, 285, Fr.)
DE	93	Will Smith (6-4, 250, Sr.)
	57	Mike Kudla (6-3, 255, So.)
LB	44	Robert Reynolds (6-3, 234, Sr.)
	42	Bobby Carpenter (6-3, 240, So.)
LB	46	Fred Pagac (6-1, 225, Sr.)
	5	Mike D'Andrea (6-3, 240, So.)
LB	47	A.J. Hawk (6-2, 230, So.)
	91	Jason Bond (6-3, 240, Sr.)
CB	37	Dustin Fox (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	25	E.J. Underwood (6-1, 175, So.)
CB	7	Chris Gamble (6-2, 180, Jr.)
	13	Harlen Jacobs (6-1, 197, Jr.)
FS	4	Will Allen (6-2, 190, Sr.)
	32	Brandon Mitchell (6-3, 190, Fr.)
SS	6	Tyler Everett (6-1, 185, So.)
	21	Nate Salley (6-3, 180, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	85	Mike Nugent (5-10, 170, Jr.)
	23	Josh Huston (6-1, 195, Jr.)
P	21	B.J. Sander (6-3, 212, Sr.)
	85	Mike Nugent (5-10, 170, Jr.)

OSU has most of the tools back from its title team—but can its luck hold out?

Coach Jim Tressel couldn't have had a better debut in the eyes of most Buckeyes than to stun Michigan in Ann Arbor two years ago, and then stop 14 straight opponents last season.

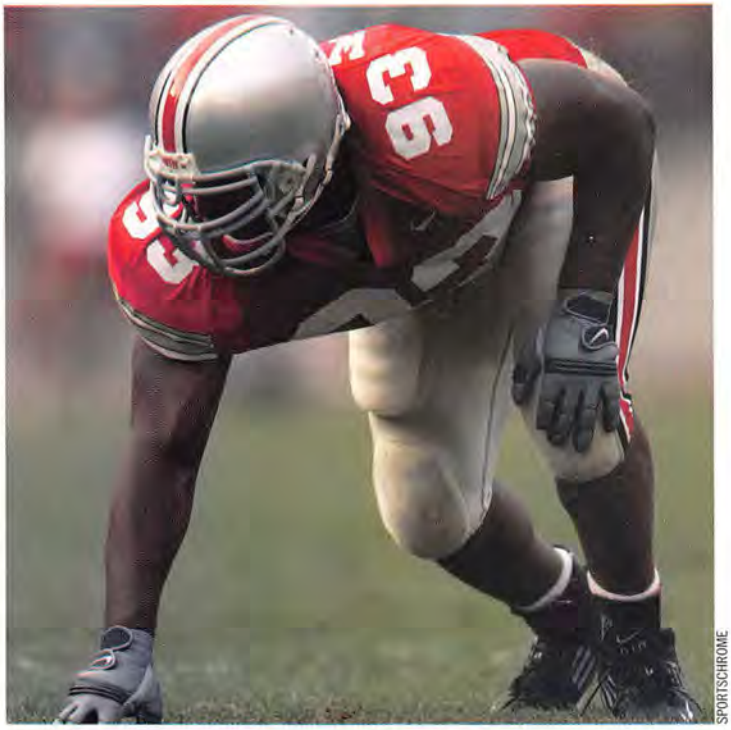
A repeat performance would put Tressel on a level reserved for Woody Hayes and Archie Griffin in Columbus. After winning seven games by seven points or less, OSU is due to discover that bounces don't always go your way. And even a single slip could cost the Buckeyes another Big Ten title.

All 11 starters are back on offense. Six regulars return from one of the nation's best defenses. And an All-America placekicker is a nice security blanket in close games. The key is whether last year's hunger gives way to momentary letdowns and complacency.

Tailback Maurice Clarett draws most of the headlines and a considerable share of the focus from opponents, as well he should after a phenomenal first year. Despite sitting out three full games and parts of two others with injuries, he rushed for 1,237 yards and 16 scores.

At 6-0 and 230 pounds, Clarett is also a consistent blocker. He had the key catch in a game-winning drive against Michigan. And his forced fumble after a Miami interception showed that he was a never-quit player, not just a TD machine.

Still, OSU would have lost three or four games without the heroics of quarterback Craig Krenzel, Offensive MVP of the Fiesta Bowl. The hard-nosed senior is 15-0 as a starter when he plays more than two series. The second-team Academic All-American is smart enough to know that's all that matters.



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Will Smith, *DE*

Krenzel's stats are far from eye-popping. Most decent passers have more than 150.7 yards per game and 12 TDs as a junior. But he rushed for 81 yards in the Fiesta Bowl and always took part in a postgame celebration.

Split end Michael Jenkins had a breakout junior year with 61 catches for 1,076 yards, including a 37-yard pass on fourth down that beat Purdue and a 17-yard snare on a fourth-and-14 play in the first overtime against Miami.

But Jenkins' contributions were no more important than those of two-way standout Chris Gamble, a regular at flanker and cornerback for his last six games as a sophomore. He caught 31 passes, had four game-saving interceptions and was on the field for more than 100 plays in each of his last four starts. Gamble also held Miami star Andre Johnson to just one catch after the first quarter.

Center Alex Stepanovich and right tackle Shane Olivea, both seniors, lead an all-veteran offensive line. Fifth-year guards Bryce Bishop and Adrien Clarke have loads of experience. Fifth-year left tackle Ivan Douglas is back to try to hold off the challenge of junior Rob Sims. And tight end Ben Hartsock is another fifth-year mainstay.

The defense will have to replace such stars as tackle Kenny Peterson, linebackers Matt Wilhelm and Cie Grant and safeties Mike Doss and Donnie Nickey. That's no easy task. Still, any coach would love to build around ends Will Smith and Darrion Scott, tackle Tim Anderson, outside linebacker Robert Reynolds and cornerback Dustin Fox, plus the ever-present Gamble.

Placekicker Mike Nugent was 25-for-28 last year and could be the difference in a showdown with Michigan. But if Clarett and Krenzel stay healthy, the Buckeyes won't have as many close calls this time.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Ohio Stadium
Capacity: 101,568
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Jim Tressel, 3rd Year
Record: 21-5
Career Record: 156-62-2

ASST. COACHES
Jim Bollman (off. coord./OL), **Bill Conley** (recruiting/TEs), **Joe Daniels** (QBs/receivers), **Mark Dantonio** (def. coord.), **Luke Fickell** (special teams), **Jim Heacock** (DL), **Mark Snyder** (LBs), **Tim Spencer** (RBs), **Mel Tucker** (DBs), **Bob Tucker** (dir. of football oper.), **Allan Johnson** (strength coach)

Wisconsin BADGERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: 8-6 overall, 2-6 BIG TEN *(beat Colorado in overtime in the Alamo Bowl, 31-28)*

Official athletic Web site: www.uwbadgers.com

Second coming of Anthony Davis is the real deal—and so are his Badgers

Despite a 2-6 conference free fall last year, one fact remains the same: Only one Big Ten team has been to the Rose Bowl more than once on New Year's Day in the last 10 years. That would be Barry Alvarez's Badgers, 3-0 in Pasadena in the decade.

But it took a 5-0 start and an upset of Colorado in the Alamo Bowl to give Wisconsin a winning record last season. This year, with all the star power in Madison, a six-loss season would be a major disappointment.

Junior Anthony Davis has rushed for 3,021 yards the past two years, more than any returning running back in the nation. He has 17 100-yard games, including a 301-yard, five-TD effort against Minnesota in last season's league finale.

Senior wideout Lee Evans was considered the equal of No. 2 overall NFL choice Charles Rogers as late as April 2002. But he missed all of last season after suffering a serious knee injury in Wisconsin's spring game. The Badgers' career leader in receiving yards set a Big Ten season mark with 1,545 yards on 75 catches two years ago.

Back to give Evans some help at wide receiver are sophomores Brandon Williams, who debuted with 52 catches and a school-record 670 kickoff-return yards, and Jonathan Orr, whose 842 yards through the air were the second-most ever by a Big Ten freshman.

With the departure of four-year starting quarterback Brooks Bollinger, relief specialist Jim Sorgi will get his chance to be No. 1 as a senior. He has already thrown 16 TD passes.

The Badgers will have to replace three starting linemen, including center Al Johnson and left tackle Ben Johnson, who were NFL picks. But junior left guard Dan Buenning, a two-year regular, and junior right guard Jonathan Clinkscale, are solid.

The defense should have its share of stars, too, in junior free safety Jim Leonhard, senior inside linebacker Jeff Mack and junior left tackle Anttaj Hawthorne. No team in the league will have a better defensive threesome.

Leonhard was a first-team All-American and the first sophomore to be voted the team's MVP since 1947. He led the nation with a Big Ten record-tying 11 interceptions and led the league with a school record-tying 25 pass breakups. Leonhard also set a Wisconsin season mark with 434 yards in punt returns.

Mack missed six games last year and still had 72 tackles. He was named Defensive MVP of the Alamo Bowl when Colorado gained just 200 yards. Hawthorne has started 16 straight games and had eight tackles against the Buffaloes.

With Camp Randall Stadium undergoing an extensive renovation and Alvarez to become coach/athletic director next April, the Badgers are set for some changes—and for another trip to a January bowl.

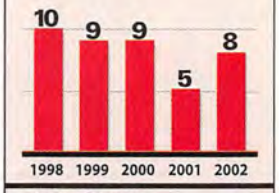
Anthony Davis, *RB*

PAUL JASIENSKI

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ West Virginia	W	34-17
S.6	Akron		
S.13	UNLV	W	27-7
S.20	North Carolina		
S.27	@ Illinois	L	20-37
O.4	@ Penn State	L	31-34
O.11	Ohio State	L	14-19
O.18	Purdue		
O.25	@ Northwestern		
N.8	@ Minnesota	W	49-31
N.15	Michigan State	W	42-24
N.22	Iowa	L	3-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 52/12

OFFENSE

QB	19	Jim Sorgi (6-5, 199, Sr.)
	16	Matt Schabert (6-2, 201, Jr.)
FB	45	Matt Bernstein (6-2, 270, So.)
	37	Greg Root (6-2, 255, So.)
TB	28	Anthony Davis (5-8, 194, Jr.)
	30	Dwayne Smith (5-11, 223, So.)
OT	75	Morgan Davis (6-5, 318, Jr.)
	78	Jake Wood (6-6, 291, So.)
OG	67	Dan Buenning (6-4, 303, Jr.)
	76	Matt Lawrence (6-5, 279, So.)
C	53	Donovan Raiola (6-3, 290, So.)
	52	Jason Palermo (6-3, 289, So.)
OG	50	Jonathan Clinkscale (6-3, 298, Jr.)
	58	Kalvin Barrett (6-2, 315, Jr.)
OT	61	Mike Lorenz (6-5, 314, So.)
	77	Randy Gyllin (6-3, 305, Fr.)
TE	85	Tony Paciotti (6-4, 262, Jr.)
	81	Bob Docherty (6-6, 267, Jr.)
WR	3	Lee Evans (5-11, 196, Sr.)
	9	Jonathan Orr (6-3, 188, So.)
WR	25	Brandon Williams (5-11, 170, So.)
	87	Darrin Charles (6-6, 206, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Erasmus James (6-4, 258, Sr.)
	98	Darius Jones (6-3, 276, Jr.)
DT	77	Anttaj Hawthorne (6-3, 297, Jr.)
	79	Mike Kleber (6-2, 289, So.)
DT	74	Jason Jefferson (6-3, 302, Jr.)
	97	Nick Cochart (6-1, 271, Sr.)
DE	92	Jonathan Welsh (6-4, 225, Jr.)
	95	Joe Monty (6-2, 244, Fr.)
LB	24	LaMarr Watkins (6-1, 212, So.)
	34	Kareem Timbers (6-3, 213, Jr.)
LB	46	Jeff Mack (6-0, 245, Sr.)
	41	Mark Zalewski (6-2, 234, Fr.)
LB	12	Alex Lewis (6-1, 234, Sr.)
	47	Elliot Goode (6-2, 238, So.)
CB	2	Scott Starks (5-10, 170, Jr.)
	4	Chuckie Cowans (5-8, 165, Jr.)
CB	21	Levonne Rowan (6-1, 178, So.)
	6	Brett Bell (6-0, 191, Jr.)
FS	18	Jim Leonhard (5-8, 180, Jr.)
	42	Robert Brooks (5-10, 174, Jr.)
SS	7	Ryan Aiello (6-1, 196, Sr.)
	14	Dontez Sanders (6-1, 210, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	97	Mike Allen (6-2, 182, Jr.)
	29	Scott Campbell (6-0, 238, Sr.)
P	31	R.J. Morse (6-1, 252, Jr.)
	96	Adam Wozniak (5-10, 207, Fr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Camp Randall Stadium
Capacity: 76,634
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Barry Alvarez, 14th Year
Record: 92-61-4
Career Record: 92-61-4

ASST. COACHES
Kevin Cosgrove (def. coord./LBs), **Jeff Horton** (QBs), **Jim Hueber** (OL), **Rob Ianello** (TEs), **Ron Lee** (DBs), **Henry Mason** (WRs), **Brian Murphy** (special teams/OLBs), **John Palermo** (assistant head coach/DL), **Brian White** (off. coord./RBs)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Tulsa		
S.6	Troy State		
S.13	@ Ohio		
S.20	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	35-11
S.27	@ Penn State		
O.4	@ Northwestern	W	45-42
O.11	Michigan	L	24-21
O.18	Michigan State	W	28-7
O.25	@ Illinois	W	31-10
N.1	Indiana		
N.8	Wisconsin	L	31-49
N.15	@ Iowa	L	21-45

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/16

OFFENSE

QB	8	Asad Abdul-Khaliq (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	19	Benji Kamrath (6-2, 225, Sr.)
FB	44	Thomas Tapeh (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	38	Brandon Hagen (6-0, 215, So.)
RB	21	Marion Barber III (5-11, 210, So.)
	23	Terry Jackson II (5-11, 190, Jr.)
OT	74	Rian Melander (6-6, 275, Jr.)
	76	Matt McIntosh (6-8, 305, Sr.)
OG	68	Mark Setterstrom (6-3, 290, So.)
	63	Brian Goblirsch (6-2, 290, Fr.)
C	61	Greg Eslinger (6-3, 280, So.)
	56	Tyson Swaggert (6-4, 265, Fr.)
OG	70	Joe Quinn (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	66	Brandon Harston (6-2, 325, Jr.)
OT	60	Mike Nicholson (6-5, 290, So.)
	78	Joe Ainslie (6-7, 300, Fr.)
TE	82	Ben Utecht (6-6, 250, Sr.)
	89	Matt Spaeth (6-6, 265, Fr.)
WR	15	Paris Hamilton (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	19	Mark Jundt (5-11, 185, Fr.)
WR	17	Tony Patterson (6-2, 205, Sr.)
	1	Keith Matthews (6-2, 205, Jr.)
WR	84	Aaron Hosack (6-5, 210, Sr.)
	7	Jakari Wallace (5-8, 165, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	47	Paul Nixon (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	51	Darrell Reid (6-2, 265, Jr.)
DT	87	Dan Kwapinski (6-5, 270, Sr.)
	50	Scott Stephenson (6-3, 285, So.)
NT	95	Anthony Montgomery (6-5, 315, So.)
	51	Darrell Reid (6-2, 265, Jr.)
DE	97	Mark Losli (6-6, 275, So.)
	94	Maurice Buchanan (6-3, 250, Fr.)
LB	58	Terrance Campbell (6-2, 200, So.)
	48	Mario Reese (6-2, 220, Fr.)
LB	59	Ben West (6-2, 240, Sr.)
	5	Dominique Sims (6-1, 230, Jr.)
LB	52	Kyle McKenzie (6-1, 230, So.)
	31	Phil Archer (6-1, 245, Sr.)
CB	13	Ken Williams (6-0, 165, So.)
	35	Mike Wojciechowski (5-8, 185, Jr.)
CB	25	Ukee Dozier (6-1, 180, Jr.)
	4	Trumaine Banks (5-10, 190, Fr.)
FS	27	Eli Ward (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	6	Quentin White (5-11, 200, So.)
SS	20	Justin Isom (5-8, 185, Sr.)
	12	Justin Fraley (6-0, 205, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	26	Ryan Duffy (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	24	Tom Mollner (6-1, 215, Fr.)
P	12	Pete Ross (6-0, 215, Fr.)
	16	Mark Rivers (6-5, 200, Fr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 4

Minnesota GOLDEN GOPHERS

2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 3-5 BIG TEN *(beat Arkansas in the Music City Bowl, 29-14)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gophersports.com

Offensive prowess could make Golden Gophers the surprise team of the Midwest this season

Looking for this year's Iowa miracle? Head north to Minneapolis, where the Golden Gophers are set to improve on last year's 3-5 league mark and 8-5 overall finish.

Glen Mason's fifth Minnesota team beat Arkansas in the Music City Bowl and should be a solid first-division finisher this season. With four winnable pre-conference tests, Ohio State off the schedule and Michigan and Wisconsin visiting the Metrodome, anything is possible.

The fun begins with senior Asad Abdul-Khaliq, the league's most versatile quarterback and a surprise selection as this year's best. He missed the third Big Ten game last season with an ankle injury and played in pain until the bowl game.

Abdul-Khaliq began his career as a better runner than passer. Today, he's seen as a poor man's Brad Banks. If Abdul-Khaliq blossoms the same way the Hawkeyes' All-American did, the Wolverines, Buckeyes and Badgers could have company at the top.

Abdul-Khaliq has the conference's top tight end in senior Ben Utecht, who missed most of 2002 with a foot injury. When Utecht returned and had five catches for 77 yards in the bowl game, the Gophers were a different team.

Marion Barber III, *RB*

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Last year's leader in receiving yards, Aaron Hosack, will be joined by the nation's top junior-college target, Paris Hamilton of Tyler (Texas) J.C. But that's not the only reason Minnesota should have its best attack of the Mason era.

The offensive line returns four regulars, including two beefier players who started as true freshmen. Sophomore center Greg Eslinger has gone from 250 pounds to 280. And second-year left guard Mark Setterstrom has a bright future.

That's great news for the Big Ten's deepest collection of running backs. Junior Marion Barber III, sidelined by injuries last season, is back and better than ever. He should unseat sophomore Terry Jackson II, who rushed for 1,306 yards in a stunning 2002. Also back is senior fullback Thomas Tapeh, who ran for 906 yards.

The Gophers return eight starters on defense. They have to replace cornerback and NFL draftee Michael Lehan as well as one down lineman and one linebacker. But if Minnesota has as much success as it did in the bowl game under new defensive coordinator Greg Hudson, opponents are in serious trouble.

A defensive front that was undersized should be better with nose tackle Anthony Montgomery weighing in at 315 and versatile end/tackle Darrell Reid up to 265 pounds. But the top defender is omnipresent free safety Eli Ward, who had 116 tackles last season.

Yes, the linebackers are younger than most. And it won't be easy to replace the league's best set of specialists, place-kicker Dan Nystrom and punter Preston Gruening. But there are worse problems a team could have. Facing a healthy group of Gophers is one of them.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Capacity: 63,200
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Glen Mason, 7th Year
Record: 33-37
Career Record: 86-95-1

ASST. COACHES
Moe Akney (asst. head coach/DEs), **Mitch Browning** (co-off. coord.), **Tony Petersen** (co-off. coord.), **Greg Hudson** (def. coord.), **Tom Sims** (DL), **Vic Adamle** (RBs), **David Lockwood** (secondary/recruit. coord.), **Gordon Shaw** (guards and centers), **Richard Wilson** (WRs), **Time Allen** (dir. of football oper.), **Chris Dawson** (strength and conditioning)

Iowa HAWKEYES

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 11-2 overall, 8-0 BIG TEN *(lost to USC in the Orange Bowl, 38-17)*

Official athletic Web site: www.hawkeyesports.com

Loss of Banks will be felt deeply, but Russell and Co. will make waves

The Hawkeyes were as good as any team in the country last season from mid-September through New Year's Day. An 8-0 Big Ten mark, an 11-2 overall record and a berth in the Orange Bowl made the fourth season under Kirk Ferentz as satisfying as any in school history.

Iowa was particularly good in conference road games, spoiling Michigan's homecoming with a 34-9 pasting, beating Penn State in overtime and mashing Minnesota by 24 points. But to repeat as a league champ in 2003, the Hawkeyes must survive a brutal schedule. Games with Indiana and Northwestern will be replaced by a visit from Illinois and a trip to Ohio State.

It won't be easy to replace Brad Banks, the AP Player of the Year, a Heisman Trophy runner-up and the nation's most efficient passer. Iowa will miss tight end Dallas Clark and guard Eric Steinbach, too, as just four offensive starters return.

That list begins with senior running back Fred Russell, a first-team all-conference pick. The 5-8 Russell rushed for 1,264 yards and scored nine times. But some think junior Jermelle Lewis, a standout in the romp at Michigan, is every bit as good.

The new quarterback should be 6-7 senior Nathan Chandler, at least initially. If he answers half the questions Banks did with a resounding yes, the Hawkeyes could challenge for a top-three spot in the standings.

Senior wideout Maurice Brown should be among the league's top five receivers. He led Iowa with 48 grabs for 966 yards and 11 scores in 2002. But Brown might draw more attention with the departure of bookend C.J. Jones.

SPORTSCHROME

Fred Russell, *RB*

With four regulars gone from the league's best offensive line, it was great news for Ferentz when all-league tackle Robert Gallery decided to stay in school. Gallery has started 31 straight games.

The defense returns seven starters, including three seniors who could play for any team in the league. All-Big Ten end Howard Hodges leads a veteran line. Middle linebacker Kevin Worthy is the No. 2 returning tackler. He raced 72 yards with a recovered fumble. Strong safety Bob Sanders, a two-time All-Big Ten pick and a four-year starter, should contend for the Thorpe Award.

But the secondary was a concern a year ago and will be again. The Hawkeyes were last in the league in pass defense, allowing 273 yards per game. They have to replace two starters from that unit.

Perhaps the team's top player is senior placekicker Nate Kaeding, the Lou Groza Award winner. Kaeding has made 47 field goals in 59 tries, including 20 of 25 from beyond 40 yards. In a season when blowouts won't be as common, a kicker like Kaeding could be worth three victories.

Ferentz was a popular choice as national Coach of the Year last season. If his team has 11 victories again, he should be re-elected in a landslide.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Kinnick Stadium
Capacity: 70,400
Playing Surface: Grass

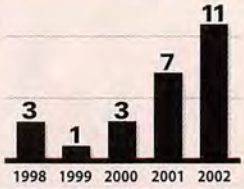
THE COACH
Kirk Ferentz, 5th Year
Record: 22-27
Career Record: 34-48

ASST. COACHES
Ken O'Keefe (off. coord./QBs), **Norm Parker** (def. coord./OLBs), **Ron Aiken** (DL coach), **Lester Erb** (receivers/special teams), **Carl Jackson** (RBs), **Reese Morgan** (off. line/recruiting coord.), **Phil Parker** (DBs), **Darrell Wilson** (LBs), **Chris Doyle** (strength and conditioning)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Miami (OH)	W	29-24
S.6	Buffalo		
S.13	@ Iowa State	L	31-36
S.20	Arizona State		
S.27	@ Michigan State	W	44-16
O.4	Michigan	W	34-9
O.18	@ Ohio State		
O.25	Penn State	W (OT)	42-35
N.1	Illinois		
N.8	@ Purdue	W	31-28
N.15	Minnesota	W	45-21
N.22	@ Wisconsin	W	20-3

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/24

OFFENSE

QB	10	Nathan Chandler (6-7, 250, Sr.)
	6	Matt Bohnet (6-3, 222, So.)
FB	40	Edgar Cervantes (6-3, 243, Sr.)
	32	Kevin Sherlock (5-11, 240, So.)
RB	2	Fred Russell (5-8, 190, Sr.)
	29	Jermelle Lewis (5-11, 208, Jr.)
OT	78	Robert Gallery (6-7, 320, Sr.)
	73	C.J. Barkema (6-8, 295, So.)
OG	74	David Walker (6-2, 305, So.)
	57	Brian Meidlinger (6-6, 305, Sr.)
C	71	Eric Rothwell (6-3, 295, Sr.)
	59	Ben Cronin (6-5, 285, So.)
OG	75	Kory Borchers (6-6, 290, Sr.)
	64	Chris Felder (6-7, 310, Fr.)
OT	69	Pete McMahon (6-7, 323, Jr.)
	58	Blake Larsen (6-7, 310, So.)
TE	35	Erik Jensen (6-3, 259, Sr.)
	81	Tony Jackson (6-3, 265, Jr.)
WR	9	Maurice Brown (6-2, 216, Sr.)
	13	Ramon Ochoa (5-10, 189, Sr.)
WR	11	Ed Hinkel (6-1, 183, So.)
	84	Matt Melloy (6-3, 200, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	48	Howard Hodges (6-2, 255, Sr.)
	60	Tyler Luebke (6-1, 280, Jr.)
DT	90	Jared Clauss (6-5, 280, Sr.)
	93	Jory Helms (6-2, 280, Sr.)
DT	45	Jonathan Babineaux (6-2, 281, Jr.)
	97	Fabian Dodd (6-3, 297, So.)
DE	31	Matt Roth (6-4, 261, Jr.)
	98	Derrick Robinson (6-5, 285, Jr.)
LB	42	Grant Steen (6-3, 242, Sr.)
	7	Jermire Roberts (6-2, 222, Sr.)
LB	53	Kevin Worthy (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	52	Abdul Hodge (6-2, 232, So.)
LB	18	Chad Greenway (6-4, 240, So.)
	27	Edmond Miles (6-1, 217, Fr.)
CB	20	Antwan Allen (5-10, 176, So.)
	14	Adolphus Shelton (5-10, 184, So.)
CB	26	Jovon Johnson (5-9, 172, So.)
	36	Chigozie Ejiasi (6-0, 200, Jr.)
FS	37	Sean Considine (6-0, 202, Jr.)
	19	Chris Smith (5-11, 195, Sr.)
SS	33	Bob Sanders (5-8, 202, Sr.)
	39	Marcus Paschal (6-0, 192, Fr.)

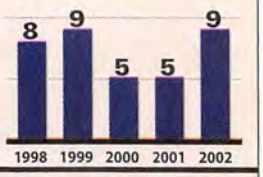
SPECIALISTS

PK	95	Nate Kaeding (6-0, 177, Sr.)
	1	Kyle Schlicher (5-9, 180, Fr.)
P	28	David Bradley (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	91	John Gallery (6-2, 245, So.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Temple		
S.6	Boston College		
S.13	@ Nebraska	W	40-7
S.20	Kent State		
S.27	Minnesota		
O.4	Wisconsin	W	34-31
O.11	@ Purdue		
O.25	@ Iowa	L (OT)	35-42
N.1	Ohio State	L	7-13
N.8	@ Northwestern	W	49-0
N.15	Indiana	W	58-25
N.22	@ Michigan State	W	61-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 36/23

OFFENSE

QB	7	Zack Mills (6-3, 126, Jr.)
	12	Michael Robinson (6-2, 225, So.)
FB	56	Sean McHugh (6-3, 284, Sr.)
	39	Paul Jefferson (6-1, 261, Sr.)
TB	6	Donnie Johnson (6-0, 207, Fr.)
	26	Mike Gasparato (5-11, 206, Jr.)
OT	76	Damone Jones (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	79	Chris Auletta (6-4, 288, Fr.)
OG	74	Tyler Reed (6-4, 311, So.)
	75	Chris McKelvy (6-4, 327, Jr.)
C	61	Dave Costlow (6-3, 280, Sr.)
	70	Nick Marmo (6-5, 298, Jr.)
OG	77	E.Z. Smith (6-1, 283, So.)
	71	Mark Farris (6-6, 287, Fr.)
OT	59	Charles Rush (6-2, 298, So.)
	68	John Wilson (6-6, 313, Fr.)
TE	93	Casey Williams (6-0, 237, Sr.)
	88	Matt Kranchick (6-8, 253, Sr.)
WR	11	Tony Johnson (5-11, 209, Sr.)
	31	Ernie Terrell (6-3, 197, So.)
WR	19	Gerald Smith (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	13	Kinta Palmer (6-4, 188, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	87	John Bronson (6-3, 266, Jr.)
	17	Lavon Chisley (6-5, 264, So.)
DT	91	Tamba Hali (6-3, 271, So.)
	92	Eddie Johnson (6-2, 277, Fr.)
DT	90	Levi Brown (6-5, 312, Fr.)
	69	Jason Robinson (6-3, 277, Jr.)
DE	86	Jeremiah Davis (6-5, 249, Jr.)
	55	Matthew Rice (6-4, 269, So.)
LB	37	LaMar Stewart (6-0, 241, Jr.)
	2	Deryck Toles (6-0, 213, Sr.)
LB	47	Gino Capone (6-2, 238, Sr.)
	28	Chris Wilson (6-2, 230, Fr.)
LB	94	Derek Wake (6-3, 242, Jr.)
	38	Jimi Mitchell (6-2, 219, Jr.)
CB	22	Maurice Humphrey (5-11, 190, So.)
	21	Alan Zemaitis (6-2, 197, So.)
CB	25	Rich Gardner (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	34	Gio Vendemia (6-0, 185, So.)
ROV	27	Chris Harrell (6-2, 202, So.)
	15	Yaacov Yisrael (6-0, 195, Sr.)
FS	10	Calvin Lowry (6-0, 191, So.)
	29	Paul Cronin (6-2, 207, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	4	Robbie Gould (6-1, 167, Jr.)
	95	David Kimball (6-1, 197, Sr.)
P	36	Jeremy Kapinos (6-1, 234, Fr.)
	4	Robbie Gould (6-1, 167, Jr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** **6**

Penn State
NITTANY LIONS

2002 Record: **9-4 overall, 5-3 BIG TEN** *(lost to Auburn in the Capital One Citrus Bowl, 13-9)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gopsusports.com

'Zack Attack' won't be enough to make up for NFL raid of Lions' roster

After back-to-back losing seasons, the Nittany Lions were 9-4 last fall. All four losses were by seven points or less, including two defeats in overtime. But with a 3-0 start and four convincing victories in November, Penn State should have done better with the league's most talented senior class.

Six Lions went in the first two rounds of the 2003 NFL Draft, including four top selections: defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy, defensive end Michael Haynes, wide receiver Bryant Johnson and record-smashing running back Larry Johnson.

That leaves Penn State with just 12 returning starters in Joe Paterno's 37th season as head coach and 54th on the staff. Still, it's impossible to count out a leader with 336 victories in Happy Valley, just four fewer than the league's 10 other head coaches in their current jobs combined.

It won't be easy to match last year's total with five opponents fresh from bowl triumphs. Zack Mills could be a difference-maker at quarterback, always a good place to start. Mills is right behind Minnesota's Asad Abdul-Khaliq as the league's most athletic quarterback. The mobile left-hander threw for 2,417 yards and 17 scores as a sophomore and had 2,618 yards of total offense, the second-highest total in school history.

Sophomore backup Michael Robinson was the Lions' No 2 rusher, No. 2 passer and No. 6 receiver. That's an amazing combination. But Robinson is an unusual talent. The question for Paterno and probable successor Fran Ganter is exactly how to use him.

DALE BARBEE

Zack Mills, *QB*

No one player will replace Larry Johnson, who rushed for 2,087 yards and had 2,655 yards in total offense. Among the possible ball carriers are juniors Mike Gasparato and Pete Gilmore, sophomore Tim Shaw and redshirt freshmen Donnie Johnson and Brandon Snow.

The offensive line will look completely different. Four players who started a total of 51 games a year ago are gone, leaving senior Chris McKelvy and sophomore E.Z. Smith as the only Penn State linemen with starting experience.

Tony Johnson, Larry's brother, is the top returning wide receiver. He had 34 catches for 549 yards. He was also the Lions' most effective kickoff returner. But he'll need lots of help from untested players.

The Lions' top player is senior middle linebacker Gino Capone, who had 86 tackles, including 15 against Ohio State, 13 at Michigan and 12 against Iowa. After earning his degree in management science and information systems in three-and-a-half years, he should be as smart as any defender in the Big Ten.

Junior John Bronson, who started 10 games at left end, provides most of the experience on the defensive line. Senior Deryck Toles and juniors Derek Wake and LaMar Stewart will vie for time at linebacker. Senior cornerback Rich Gardner and junior safety Chris Harrell are returning regulars. Senior Yaacov Yisrael should help after missing last season with a knee injury.

The Nittany Lions' biggest asset could be a schedule without Michigan and with Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio State bound for Beaver Stadium. That's as good as it gets in this league.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Beaver Stadium
Capacity: 107,501
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Joe Paterno, 37th Year
Record: 336-100-3
Career Record: 336-100-3

ASST. COACHES
Dick Anderson (OL), **Tom Bradley** (def. coord.), **Kenny Carter** (WRs), **Fran Ganter** (assist. head coach/off. coord.), **Larry Johnson** (DL) **Bill Kenney** (OTs/TEs), **Brian Norwood** (DBs), **Jay Paterno** (QBs/recruit. coord.), **Ron Vanderlinden** (LBs), **John Thomas** (strength and cond.)

Purdue BOILERMAKERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 7

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-4 BIG TEN *(beat Washington in the Sun Bowl, 34-24)*

Official athletic Web site: www.purduesports.com

Experienced Boilermakers offer 19 starters and great hands at receiver and in the secondary

Despite becoming just the 13th team to lead the Big Ten in total offense and total defense, the Boilermakers settled for a 4-4 league mark last year. They were 7-6 overall, including a Sun Bowl victory over Washington.

With 19 starters back, Joe Tiller's seventh Purdue team could build momentum in September and early October. After that, the party ends with visits to Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio State. But as always, the Boilermakers will be exciting and dangerous.

No wide receivers in the Big Ten had more catches than the returning duo of junior Taylor Stubblefield (77 for 789 yards in 10 games) and senior John Standeford (75 for 1,307). Standeford is good enough to be an all-league selection. The key will be whether Purdue wins enough to make that happen.

We know the Boilermakers will move the ball through the air. Tiller's teams have led the conference in passing in four of the past six seasons and in total offense three times in that span. This year should be no exception.

Junior Kyle Orton and sophomore Brandon Kirsch provide solid play at quarterback. Neither performs like former Purdue star Drew Brees, but who does? And with 3,324 yards and 21 scores (2,257 yards and 13 TDs from Orton), no one should feel sorry for the receivers in a spread offense.

Senior runing back Joey Harris (1,115 yards) became the first 1,000-yard rusher in the Tiller era and just the fifth in school history. He finished fourth in the 60-meter dash at the Big Ten Indoor Track Championships and could be set for a huge season.

The top offensive linemen are center Nick Hardwick, a walk-on and a converted guard, and massive right tackle Kelly Butler (6-8, 315 pounds), who started every game in his first year of competition.

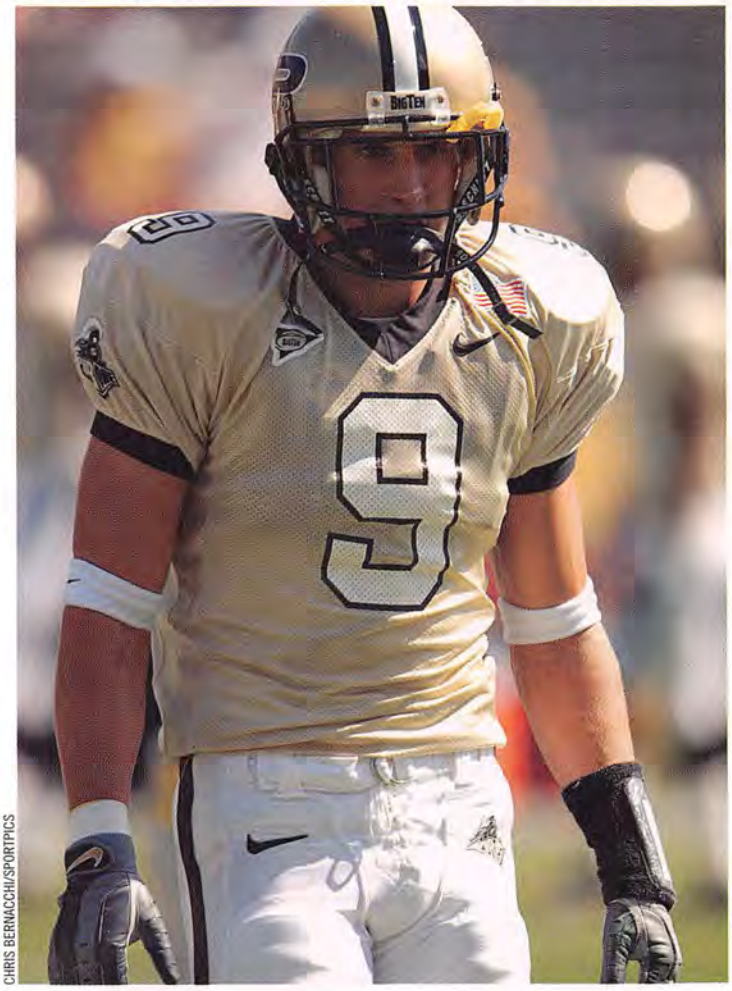
Purdue isn't known as a defensive team. But that could change with the return of two of the league's top seniors: middle linebacker Niko Koutouvides and free safety Stuart Schweigert. Koutouvides was an All-Big Ten selection after making 121 tackles, including 11.5 for losses. Schweigert is the Boilermakers' career interception king with 13 and is the No. 1 NFL prospect at his position.

Fifth-year outside linebacker Landon Johnson is another all-conference candidate. Fifth-year end Shaun Phillips is solid. And junior cornerback Antwaun Rogers had a team-high 13 pass breakups.

If Purdue had the schedule of Minnesota or Penn State, it would be a logical dark horse for the title. Instead, the Boilermakers will have to play efficient offense and asphyxiating defense to have any kind of shot at the Rose Bowl.

It was 34 years between the last two visits to Pasadena. A three-year gap is probably unrealistic.

Stuart Schweigert, *S*



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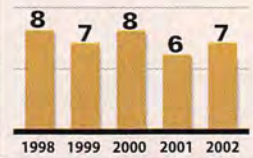
2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	Bowling Green		
S.13	@ Wake Forest	L	24-21
S.20	Arizona		
S.27	Notre Dame	L	24-17
O.4	Illinois	L	38-31
O.11	Penn State		
O.18	@ Wisconsin		
O.25	@ Michigan	L	23-21
N.1	Northwestern	W	42-13
N.8	Iowa	L	31-28
N.15	@ Ohio State	L	10-6
N.22	@ Indiana	W	34-10

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/16

OFFENSE		
QB	18	Kyle Orton (6-4, 220, Jr.)
	11	Brandon Kirsch (6-3, 201, So.)
RB	25	Joey Harris (5-11, 208, Sr.)
	27	Brandon Jones (5-11, 225, So.)
OT	63	David Owen (6-6, 286, Jr.)
	65	Mike Otto (6-5, 295, Fr.)
OG	56	Matt Turner (6-3, 286, So.)
	75	Brian Wang (6-7, 292, So.)
C	61	Nick Hardwick (6-4, 284, Sr.)
	74	Nick Pilipauskis (6-2, 283, Sr.)
OG	50	Tyler Moore (6-7, 294, Jr.)
	78	Josh Tomsheck (6-6, 205, So.)
OT	71	Kelly Butler (6-8, 315, Jr.)
	73	Ryan Davis (6-4, 280, So.)
TE	87	Charles Davis (6-6, 265, So.)
	43	Jeff Bennett (6-4, 253, So.)
WR	2	Ray Williams (6-2, 188, So.)
	80	Jamaal Wilson (6-3, 197, Sr.)
WR	82	John Standeford (6-4, 191, Sr.)
	20	Andre Chattams (6-0, 202, Fr.)
WR	21	Taylor Stubblefield (6-1, 172, Jr.)
	4	Anthony Chambers (6-1, 199, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	15	Shaun Phillips (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	62	Vedran Dzolovic (6-3, 260, Sr.)
DT	92	Craig Terrill (6-3, 289, Sr.)
	55	Brandon Villarreal (6-2, 287, So.)
DT	58	Brent Grover (6-4, 279, So.)
	94	Dontrey Flemings (6-2, 293, So.)
DE	40	Kevin Nesfield (6-3, 250, Sr.)
	57	Brent Hawkins (6-2, 238, So.)
LB	47	Landon Johnson (6-2, 221, Sr.)
	52	Jason Leimberger (6-2, 230, So.)
LB	34	Niko Koutouvides (6-3, 237, Sr.)
	44	Jon Goldsberry (6-3, 241, Jr.)
LB	16	Gilbert Gardner (6-2, 228, Sr.)
	39	Bobby Iwuchukwu (6-2, 229, So.)
CB	28	Jacques Reeves (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	24	Sean Petty (5-11, 166, So.)
CB	12	Antwaun Rogers (6-2, 197, Jr.)
	33	Brian Hickman (6-0, 178, So.)
S	9	Stuart Schweigert (6-3, 213, Sr.)
	19	Marc Huddleston (5-11, 192, So.)
S	6	Deaunte Ferrell (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	36	Torrey Vogel (5-11, 203, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	26	Berin Lacevic (5-10, 176, Sr.)
	19	Ben Jones (6-0, 205, So.)
P	46	Brent Slaton (6-3, 203, Sr.)
	29	Aaron Levin (5-11, 208, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Ross-Ade Stadium
Capacity: 62,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Joe Tiller, 7th Year
Record: 46-28
Career Record: 85-58-1

ASST. COACHES
Blaine Bennett (QBs), **Jim Chaney** (off. coord./TEs), **Bob DeBesse** (WRs/recruit. coord.), **Phil Elmassian** (DBs), **Gary Emanuel** (assist. head coach/DEs), **Mark Hagen** (DTs/special teams), **Bill Legg** (OL), **David Mitchell** (RBs), **Brock Spack** (def. coord./LBs), **Don Coller** (dir. of football oper.), **Jim Lathrop** (strength and conditioning)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 8

Northwestern WILDCATS

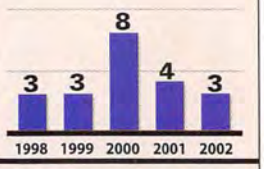
2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 BIG TEN

Official athletic Web site: www.nusports.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Kansas		
S.6	Air Force		
S.13	Miami (OH)		
S.20	@ Duke	W	26-21
S.27	@ Ohio State	L	16-27
O.4	Minnesota	L	42-45
O.11	@ Indiana	W	41-37
O.25	Wisconsin		
N.1	@ Purdue		
N.8	Penn State	L	0-49
N.15	Michigan		
N.22	@ Illinois	L	24-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/15

OFFENSE

QB	14	Brett Basanez (6-2, 200, So.)
	16	Alexander Webb (6-0, 195, Fr.)
RB	18	Jason Wright (5-10, 210, Sr.)
	33	Noah Herron (5-11, 230, Jr.)
OT	76	Trai Essex (6-4, 280, Jr.)
OG	64	Matt Ulrich (6-2, 305, Jr.)
	54	Donnie Baskin (6-2, 295, Jr.)
C	77	Carl Matejka (6-4, 315, Sr.)
	69	Jim Devine (6-2, 280, Fr.)
OG	65	Bill Newton (6-7, 310, Jr.)
	77	Carl Matejka (6-4, 315, Sr.)
OT	63	Zach Strief (6-7, 335, So.)
	79	Rick McDole (6-6, 320, Fr.)
TE	7	Ray Bogenrief (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	47	Taylor Jones (6-3, 260, So.)
WR	80	Kunle Patrick (6-0, 205, Sr.)
WR	2	Ashton Aikens (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	4	Roger Jordan (6-3, 215, Sr.)
WR	9	Mark Philmore (5-10, 175, So.)
	5	Brandon Horn (6-1, 210, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Greg Lutzen (6-4, 270, So.)
	95	DeMaris Wilson (6-4, 265, So.)
DT	94	Luis Castillo (6-4, 290, Jr.)
	67	Barry Cofield (6-4, 280, So.)
DT	97	Colby Clark (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	68	Ron Bardwell (6-3, 310, Fr.)
DE	66	Loren Howard (6-4, 270, So.)
	56	Ryan Keenan (6-4, 260, Fr.)
LB	49	Doug Szymul (6-0, 220, Sr.)
	12	Demetrius Eaton (6-2, 230, Fr.)
LB	51	John Pickens (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	45	Braden Jones (6-2, 230, So.)
LB	41	Tim McGarigle (6-1, 215, So.)
	49	Doug Szymul (6-0, 220, Sr.)
CB	28	Jeff Backes (5-9, 190, So.)
	6	Cory Dious (5-9, 160, Fr.)
CB	20	Marquice Cole (5-9, 175, So.)
	13	Sundi Brewer-Griffin (6-0, 195, So.)
S	8	Dominique Price (6-0, 205, Jr.)
	21	Bryan Heinz (6-0, 185, Fr.)
S	29	Torri Stuckey (5-11, 205, Sr.)
	34	Louis Ayeni (5-11, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	15	Slade Larscheid (6-1, 185, Fr.)
	93	Joel Howells (6-4, 200, Fr.)
P	99	Brian Huffman (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	90	Ryan Pederson (6-3, 215, So.)

'Cats have 'Wright' stuff in backfield, but talent heading south in Evanston

It's hard to believe the Wildcats have shared three Big Ten titles in the past eight years. That's especially tough to fathom if you saw Northwestern stumble to a 1-7 league finish and a 3-9 overall mark in 2002.

Randy Walker's program returns 18 regulars and relies heavily on underclassmen. That's great news for the future. For this year, it's far from ideal when the Wildcats visit Ohio State and host the Big Ten's other top teams: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Still, a 6-6 record is possible, raising hopes and rekindling dreams.

The marquee performer is senior running back Jason Wright, No. 2 in the nation in all-purpose running last year and a three-time Big Ten Player of the Week. He had 1,234 yards rushing, 266 yards as a receiver and 513 on kickoff returns. Wright's averages of 5.6 yards per carry and 28.5 per kickoff return show his explosiveness.

Brett Basanez led all freshman quarterbacks in passing yards (220.4 per game). He was second in the Big Ten in total offense, just a half-yard behind Iowa's Brad Banks. Basanez finished with a 31-for-49, 368-yard day against Illinois.

Northwestern will have to replace top receiver Jon Schweighardt and a pair of All-Big Ten honorees in center Austin King and guard Jeff Roehl. But senior wideout Kunle Patrick has caught at least one ball in 34 straight games, matching the longest streak in the country. And Walker is happy with four-fifths of his offensive line: tackles Trai Essex and Zach Strief, guard Matt Ulrich and center/guard Carl Matejka.

All four starters return across the defensive line, including end Loren Howard, a first-team Freshman All-American, and tackle Colby Clark, who had 81 tackles as a sophomore. The return of All-Big Ten candidate Pat Durr, who went down for the season with a knee injury in the opener, should help at middle linebacker.

A revamped secondary could get a lift from former running back/wideout Jeff Backes, now a cornerback. Someone will have to take over for placekicker David Wasielewski, with punter Brian Huffman perhaps getting an opportunity. Don't be surprised if the Wildcats finally have more placekicks than punts.

Jason Wright, *RB*

CHUCK RYDLEWSKI

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Ryan Field **Capacity:** 47,130 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Randy Walker,** 5th Year **Record:** 18-28 **Career Record:** 77-63-5	**Jerry Brown** (assistant head coach/DBs), **Greg Colby** (def. coord.), **Mike Dunbar** (off. coord.), **Howard Feggins** (WRs), **Pat Fitzgerald** (LBs), **Jeff Genyk** (TEs/H-backs), **James Patton** (OL), **Jay Peterson** (DL), **Justin Chabot** (dir. of football oper.)

Illinois
FIGHTING ILLINI

CONFERENCE RANK: 9

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 4-4 BIG TEN

Official athletic Web site: www.fightingillini.com

With big losses on offense, Fighting Illini will try to stay in games with strong 'D'

Fresh from a Big Ten title in 2001 and a Sugar Bowl berth, the Fighting Illini collapsed to a 5-7 record.

There was progress within that plunge for Ron Turner's program. After a 1-5 start, Illinois won four of its last six games and lost to Ohio State in overtime. Too bad the season couldn't have started the second week in October.

The Illini continued to move the ball and set a school record for total offense for the second straight year, averaging 446.3 yards per game, ninth-best in the nation. They also led the Big Ten in passing (282.3 yards per game).

The triggerman, senior Jon Beutjer, an Iowa transfer, averaged more than 300 yards through the air and had 21 TD strikes in seven starts. His 305 yards against the Buckeyes nearly gave us a different national champion.

Illinois will have to replace wide receivers Brandon Lloyd and Walter Young, record-setting running back Antoineo Harris and All-Big Ten offensive linemen Tony Pashos and Dave Diehl. Senior Sean Bubin at left tackle and junior Bucky Babcock, a converted guard, at right tackle should lessen the blow on the line. But the skill positions might have to be filled by committee.

The Illini could win games with defense this year, especially if senior end Derrick Strong has anything to say about it. Despite playing the last half of the season with a shoulder injury, Strong was exactly that with 12 tackles for losses. He should have company in the backfield with senior end Mike O'Brien and senior tackle Jeff Ruffin.

CHUCK RYDLEWSKI

Jon Beutjer, QB

Replacing middle linebacker Jerry Schumacher and cornerback Eugene Wilson won't be easy. Eight-game starter at outside linebacker Matt Sinclair is a strong possibility in the middle, while senior cornerback Christian Morton and senior safety Marc Jackson will lead the secondary.

Illinois again doesn't have to play Ohio State. But trips to UCLA, Purdue, Michigan and Iowa (the last one a homecoming of sorts for Beutjer) should leave Turner's team on the sideline again when bowl invitations are sent out. At least in the game with the Bruins in Pasadena, the Illini will get to play in the Rose Bowl.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 69,249
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

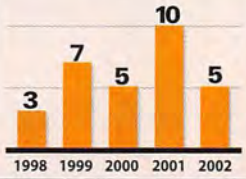
THE COACH
Ron Turner, 7th Year
Record: 31-38
Career Record: 38-42

ASST. COACHES
Harry Hiestand (assist. head coach/OL), **Mike Cassity** (def. coord./safeties), **Dan Roushar** (RBs), **Robert Jackson** (WRs/recruiting), **Tommy Thigpen** (CBs), **Mike Mallory** (LBs), **Greg McMahon** (TEs/STs), **Dan O'Dell** (QBs), **Donnie Thompson** (DL), **Jim Zielinski** (strength coach), **Lloyd Richards** (dir. of football oper.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Missouri	L	20-33
S.6	Illinois State		
S.13	@ UCLA		
S.20	California		
S.27	Wisconsin	W	37-20
O.4	@ Purdue	W (OT)	38-31
O.11	Michigan State		
O.18	@ Michigan	L	28-45
O.25	Minnesota	L	10-31
N.1	@ Iowa		
N.8	@ Indiana	W	45-14
N.22	Northwestern	W	31-24

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 55/15

OFFENSE

QB	7	Jon Beutjer (6-5, 211, Sr.)
	11	Dustin Ward (6-3, 205, Sr.)
FB	24	Carey Davis (6-0, 225, Sr.)
	34	Jason Davis (5-11, 220, So.)
RB	23	Ibrahim Halsey (5-11, 185, Fr.)
	20	Morris Virgil (5-10, 195, Jr.)
OT	73	Sean Bubin (6-7, 300, Sr.)
	57	JJ Simmons (6-6, 275, r-Fr.)
OG	71	Bryan Koch (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	63	Dave Hilderbrand (6-3, 290, Jr.)
C	75	Duke Preston (6-5, 305, Jr.)
	63	Dave Hilderbrand (6-3, 290, Jr.)
OG	67	Matt Maddox (6-4, 290, r-Fr.) OR
	72	Kyle Schnettgoecke (6-3, 275, So.)
OT	70	Bucky Babcock (6-4, 285, Jr.)
	61	Jordan Kruger (6-4, 275, So.)
TE	81	Anthony McClellan (6-3, 243, Jr.)
	80	Estus Hood (6-4, 230, Jr.)
WR	84	Kendrick Jones (6-1, 180, So.)
	19	Mark Kornfeld (6-1, 200, Jr.)
WR	4	Ade Adeyemo (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	9	Jamaal Clark (6-2, 196, Sr.) OR

DEFENSE

DE	98	Derrick Strong (6-4, 245, Sr.)
	90	Scott Moss (6-3, 260, So.)
DT	91	Charles Gilstrap (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	60	Aaron Hodges (6-3, 285, Sr.)
DT	58	Jeff Ruffin (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	74	Mike Maloney (6-3, 280, Jr.)
DE	93	Mike O'Brien (6-6, 225, Sr.)
	66	Brian Schaefering (6-5, 260, Jr.)
LB	46	Antonio Mason (6-0, 245, So.)
	36	Josh Tischer (6-1, 215, So.)
LB	44	Matt Sinclair (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	45	Mike Gawelek (6-2, 230, Jr.)
LB	54	Winston Taylor (6-0, 240, Sr.)
	27	Ty Myers (6-4, 235, Sr.) OR
CB	2	Darnell Ray (6-1, 160, r-Fr.)
	22	Sharriff Gillon (5-8, 165, r-Fr.)
CB	5	Christian Morton (6-1, 180, Sr.)
	21	Taman Jordan (5-11, 195, Jr.)
FS	28	Travis Williams (6-1, 185, So.)
	1	Marc Jackson (6-1, 205, Sr.)
SS	1	Marc Jackson (6-1, 205, Sr.)
	3	Eric McGoey (6-3, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	13	John Gockman (5-10, 170, Sr.)
	12	JJ Tubbs (5-9, 160, Sr.)
P	37	Steve Weatherford (6-4, 205, So.)
	38	Matt Minnes (6-2, 195, Jr.)

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/17

OFFENSE

QB	9	Jeff Smoker (6-3, 215, Sr.)
RB	31	Jaren Hayes (5-9, 178, So.)
OT	72	Stefon Wheeler (6-5, 320, So.)
OG	68	Joe Tate (6-5, 304, Sr.)
C	67	DeMarco Monroe (6-4, 330, Sr.)
OG	57	Paul Harker (6-3, 299, Sr.)
OT	77	Steve Stewart (6-5, 314, Sr.)
TE	81	Jason Randall (6-5, 256, Jr.)
WR	3	Kyle Brown (6-1, 201, So.)
WR	82	Ziehl Kavanaght (5-11, 180, Sr.)
WR	2	Agim Shabaj (5-10, 188, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Greg Taplin (6-5, 257, Sr.)
DT	99	Brandon McKinney (6-3, 312, Jr.)
DT	91	Kevin Vickerson (6-5, 287, Jr.)
DE	59	Clifford Dukes (6-3, 266, Jr.)
LB	44	Ronald Stanley (6-0, 225, Jr.)
LB	48	Seth Mitchell (6-2, 242, So.)
ROV	45	Monquiz Wedlow (5-11, 198, Sr.)
CB	12	Ashton Watson (6-0, 173, So.)
CB	17	Roderick Maples (5-10, 186, Jr.)
FS	25	Jason Harmon (5-11, 191, Jr.)
SS	27	Derron Ware (6-3, 215, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	16	Dave Rayner (6-2, 208, Jr.)
P	18	Jason Daily (6-2, 179, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Spartan Stadium
Capacity: 72,027
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

John L. Smith, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 103-54

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 10

Michigan State
SPARTANS

2002 Record: 4-8 overall, 2-6 BIG TEN

Official athletic Web site: www.msuspartans.com

Few teams have experienced the meltdown the Spartans suffered in 2002. A popular pick for the Big Ten title plunged to 2-6 in the league and 4-8 overall. Quarterback Jeff Smoker, hyped as one of the top quarterbacks in the country, left Michigan State in midseason with substance-abuse issues. And Bobby Williams' three-year run as a head coach ended less than two weeks later.

Enter new coach John L. Smith, who helped rebuild programs at Idaho, Utah State and Louisville. With a pass-first offense and a pressuring defense, the Spartans should be as exciting.

The starting quarterback could be redshirt freshman Drew Stanton, who was strong in spring drills. It still might be Damon Dowdell, a mobile junior who replaced Smoker for the final five games. Or it could be Smoker himself if he meets expectations in every way.

With record-smashing wide receiver Charles Rogers gone to the NFL as the No. 2 overall choice, sophomore wideouts Kyle Brown and Agim Shabaj and junior tight ends Eric Knott and Jason Randall enter the season as the primary targets in Smith's four-receiver sets.

The offensive line returns four regulars, including sixth-year guard Paul Harker. But the best recovery from injuries is the return of junior tailback Tyrell Dortch, who shattered his leg at Wisconsin two years ago. Dortch and sophomore Jaren Hayes will handle most of the ball-carrying duties.

The defense should get a pass rush from senior end Greg Taplin and run support from junior linebacker Ronald Stanley. But a revamped secondary will have to hold up for Michigan State to have any chance to reach .500, with trips to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio State.

The Spartans' biggest change will have to be a return to the focus and fundamentals that suddenly disappeared last September. If Michigan State can play with passion again, it might be able to do what Purdue did when Joe Tiller came into the league in 1997. Still, when a program has just one player drafted, it isn't exactly rich in talent. Smith needs time. He'll supply the rest.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Western Michigan
S.6	Rutgers
S.13	Louisiana Tech
S.20	@ Notre Dame
S.27	Iowa
O.4	Indiana
O.11	@ Illinois
O.18	@ Minnesota
N.1	Michigan
N.8	@ Ohio State
N.15	@ Wisconsin
N.22	Penn State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/20

OFFENSE

QB	10	Matt LoVecchio (6-3, 207, Jr.)
RB	33	Yamar Washington (5-9, 199, So.)
FB	34	John Pannozzo (5-11, 225, So.)
OT	76	Isaac Sowells (6-3, 310, So.)
OG	61	Anthony Oakley (6-2, 294, Sr.)
C	73	Brandon Hatcher (6-2, 296, So.)
OG	75	Adam Hines (6-3, 301, So.)
OT	72	Chris Jahnke (6-5, 305, Jr.)
TE	90	Aaron Halterman (6-4, 256, Jr.)
WR	19	Courtney Roby (6-0, 188, Jr.)
WR	9	Glenn Johnson (5-11, 200, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	56	Jodie Clemons (6-2, 275, Jr.)
DT	97	Martin Lapostolle (6-1, 270, Jr.)
NT	55	Russ Richardson (6-0, 251, So.)
DE	94	Victor Adeyanju (6-4, 259, So.)
LB	49	Jason Cartwright (5-11, 217, Jr.)
LB	43	Kyle Killion (6-0, 223, So.)
LB	48	Kevin Smith (6-2, 232, Jr.)
CB	6	Damien Jones (5-10, 180, So.)
CB	26	Leonard Bryant (5-9, 180, So.)
FS	25	Joe Gonzalez (6-0, 209, Sr.)
SS	21	Herana Daze-Jones (5-11, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	18	Bryan Robertson (5-8, 171, Jr.)
P	44	Tyson Beattie (6-2, 194, Fr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 52,180
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Gerry DiNardo, 2nd Year
Record: 3-9
Career Record: 54-58-1

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 11

Indiana
HOOSIERS

2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 BIG TEN

Official athletic Web site: www.iuhoosiers.com

The Hoosiers are clearly a work-in-progress—and not just because they were 1-7 in the league and 3-9 overall in the first season under coach Gerry DiNardo. They faced Penn State with just 38 scholarship players cleared to play, compared with an NCAA limit of 85. And they began spring practice with just six seniors on scholarship.

With Gibran Hamdan and Tommy Jones gone at quarterback, the reins fall to junior Matt LoVecchio, a transfer from Notre Dame who was the Irish's first freshman starter at that position in nine years. He led the Fighting Irish to seven straight victories and the 2001 Fiesta Bowl.

Indiana's other quarterbacks haven't completed a pass in college. Luckily for DiNardo, the Hoosiers return those players responsible for 100 percent of last year's rushing yards, 96 percent of the receiving and 93 percent of the scoring.

Junior Yamar Washington (698 yards) leads six candidates at running back. Sophomore John Pannozzo caught 26 passes and was a capable blocker as a rookie. Junior wide receiver Courtney Roby had 59 catches for 1,039 yards.

The offensive line is a major question. The defensive front, however, has experience with junior end Jodie Clemons, sophomore nose tackle Russ Richardson and sophomore end Victor Adeyanju, who combined for 33 starts a year ago.

Junior Kevin Smith and sophomore Kyle Killion were part-timers at linebacker. Top returning tackler Herana-Daze Jones, an outside linebacker with 108 tackles, will move to strong safety.

The main hope is that DiNardo can work some magic in Bloomington. He was a member of a national championship team as a player at Notre Dame and as an assistant coach at Colorado. He led Vanderbilt to as many victories in his first four years as the Commodores had in the previous seven. And his LSU teams won 26 games (including three bowls) in his first three seasons in Baton Rouge against one tie and nine setbacks. He lost that many times in 2002 with the Hoosiers.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@ Connecticut
S.6	@ Washington
S.13	Indiana State
S.20	Kentucky
S.27	@ Michigan
O.4	@ Michigan State
O.11	Northwestern
O.25	Ohio State
N.1	@ Minnesota
N.8	Illinois
N.15	@ Penn State
N.22	Purdue

BIG 12 *Predicted order of finish:*

NORTH

1 ▶p.50
2 ▶p.51
3 ▶p.52
4 ▶p.53
5 ▶p.54
6 ▶p.54

SOUTH

1 ▶p.55
2 ▶p.56
3 ▶p.57
4 ▶p.58
5 ▶p.59
6 ▶p.59

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Roy Williams**, WR, Texas
Best hands: **Rashaun Woods**, WR, Oklahoma State
Best passing QB: **Josh Fields**, Oklahoma State
Best option QB: **Ell Roberson**, Kansas State
Most elusive RB: **Darren Sproles**, Kansas State
Best instincts: **Rashaun Woods**, WR, Oklahoma State
Best athlete: **Josh Fields**, QB, Oklahoma State
Best under pressure: **Brad Smith**, QB, Missouri
Top NFL prospect: **Rashaun Woods**, WR, Oklahoma State
Top impact freshman: **Aaron Brant**, OG, Iowa State
Hardest hitter: **Tommie Harris**, DL, Oklahoma
Biggest underachiever: **Jammal Lord**, QB, Nebraska

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Gary Barnett**, Colorado
Best recruiter: **Mack Brown**, Texas
Coach on the spot: **Frank Solich**, Nebraska

Don't be surprised if ...

Oklahoma State breaks through and competes for the South Division championship.

One man's opinion

"Every year now you start with Oklahoma at the top and try to find a way to beat them. It's not impossible, but it's damn hard to do."

—a Big 12 head coach

Rating the recruits

1. Oklahoma
Stoops calls S Donte Nicholson most natural safety he's coached.
2. Texas A&M
Best of lot is offensive lineman Jorie Adams.
3. Texas
Another great class is no surprise. TE Tony Hill tops list.
4. Oklahoma State
QB Donovan Woods joins brothers Rashaun and D'Juan.
5. Colorado
Gave scholarships to two placekickers.
6. Nebraska
Best catch was OT Ryan Schuler, who pledged to Oklahoma.
7. Missouri
Best class in years is "Show-Me" heavy.
8. Texas Tech
Heavy on the jucos, especially on defense.
9. Iowa State
OG Aaron Brant will start immediately.
10. Kansas State
Low only because of the numbers (19). Good job filling needs.
11. Kansas
Scored big with juco C Joe Vaughn and TE Lyonel Anderson.
12. Baylor
Morriss looks to cash in on Texas ties.

Big 12 teams will go as far as their quarterbacks' legs will take them, but OU defense is the big story

By BLAIR KERKHOFF
Kansas City Star

Gone are the passing quarterbacks: Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury, Iowa State's Seneca Wallace, Texas' Chris Simms and Oklahoma's Nate Hybl. What's left for the most part are the fleet, nimble next generation of multitalented quarterbacks who are as likely to lead their teams in rushing as the leading running back.

Not that the Big 12 hasn't produced these types over the years. Eric Crouch won the 2001 Heisman Trophy with this style. But never have so many top contenders been so speedy at quarterback. It almost seems like old times in these parts, where running QBs were the rage in wishbone and option offenses.

Ell Roberson at Kansas State and Brad Smith at Missouri are the best, but Nebraska's Jammal Lord also piles up yards with his legs. Texas and Oklahoma, which in recent years have stretched the field with vertical passing, will add more legwork this season.

The Sooners' Jason White was the starter in each of the last two years when torn knee ligaments ended his season each time. Chance Mock and Vincent Young are the Longhorns' quarterbacks who will run more quarterback draws and play action.

Texas A&M's Reggie McNeal is always dangerous on the run, and is battling strong-armed Dustin Long.

The Aggies made the most news in the offseason, hiring Dennis Franchione away from Alabama. A&M promptly raised ticket prices. The Big 12 raided the Southeastern Conference for its other new coach. Baylor hired Guy Morriss from Kentucky.

The league title game returns to Kansas City. Don't be surprised to see a rematch of a previous title game there: Oklahoma vs. Kansas State.

Games to watch

Oklahoma State at Nebraska, Aug. 30
Right out of the chute, Cowboys seek validation, Huskers seek salvation.

Oklahoma vs. Texas (at Dallas), Oct. 11
Sooners look for first four-game winning streak in the series since 1975.

Colorado at Kansas State, Oct. 18
Wildcats seek to avenge loss that kept them from division title.

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, Nov. 1
Big rivalry game should have extra meaning this year.

ALL-BIG 12 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Brad Smith**, so., Missouri
WR—**Rashaun Woods**, sr., Oklahoma State
WR—**Roy Williams**, sr., Texas
RB—**Darren Sproles**, jr., Kansas State
RB—**Cedric Benson**, jr., Texas
TE—**Billy Bajema**, jr., Oklahoma State
OL—**Bob Montgomery**, sr., Iowa State
OL—**Vince Carter**, jr., Oklahoma
OL—**Nick Leckey**, sr., Kansas State
OL—**A.J. Ricker**, sr., Missouri
OL—**Richie Incognito**, so., Nebraska
PK—**Adam Benike**, sr., Iowa State

DEFENSE

DL—**Tommie Harris**, jr., Oklahoma
DL—**Andrew Shull**, sr., Kansas State
DL—**Marques Harris**, sr., Colorado
DL—**Jordan Carstens**, sr., Iowa State
LB—**Teddy Lehman**, sr., Oklahoma
LB—**Lance Mitchell**, sr., Oklahoma
LB—**Derrick Johnson**, jr., Texas
LB—**Josh Buhl**, sr., Kansas State
DB—**Nathan Vasher**, sr., Texas
DB—**Derrick Strait**, sr., Oklahoma
DB—**Brandon Everage**, sr., Oklahoma
DB—**Medford Moorer**, sr., Colorado
P—**Cody Scates**, sr., Texas A&M

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

Kansas State WILDCATS

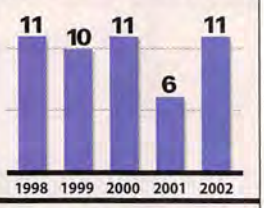
2002 Record: **11-2 overall, 6-2 BIG 12** *(beat Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl, 34-27)*

Official athletic Web site: www.kstatesports.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.23	California (@ Kansas City, Mo.)		
A.30	Troy State		
S.6	McNeese State		
S.13	Massachusetts		
S.20	Marshall		
O.4	@ Texas	L	14-17
O.11	@ Oklahoma State	W	44-7
O.18	Colorado	L	31-35
O.25	Kansas	W	64-0
N.1	Baylor	W	44-10
N.8	@ Iowa State	W	58-7
N.15	@ Nebraska	W	49-13
N.22	Missouri	W	38-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/27

OFFENSE

QB	3	Ell Roberson (6-1 205 Sr.)
	14	Jeff Schwinn (6-2 205 Sr.)
FB	44	Travis Wilson (6-4 240 Sr.)
	42	Victor Mann (6-2 230 So.)
RB	43	Darren Sproles (5-7 170 Jr.)
	34	Danny Morris (5-11 200 Sr.)
OT	66	Jeromey Clary (6-7 290 So.)
	54	Peni Holakeituai (6-6 310 Jr.)
OG	64	Ryan Lilja (6-3 300 Sr.)
	67	Jesse Keaulana-Kamakea (6-3, 270, Sr.)
C	53	Nick Leckey (6-4 285 Sr.)
	63	Ryan Schmuecker (6-5 285 Jr.)
OG	60	Mike Johnson (6-4 280 Jr.)
	73	Ben Rettele (6-7 305 Sr.)
OT	79	Jon Doty (6-8 270 Jr.)
	77	Chris Boggas (6-5 315 Jr.)
TE	88	Thomas Hill (6-5 260 Sr.)
	80	Travon Magee (6-7 265 Sr.)
WR	9	Derrick Evans (5-11 175 Sr.)
	2	Antoine Polite 6-2 180 Jr.)
WR	5	James Terry (6-5 180 Sr.)
	15	Davin Dennis (6-1 175 So.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	Andrew Shull (6-5 260 Sr.)
	93	Scott Edmonds (6-4 255 So.)
DT	92	Justin Montgomery (6-2 281 Sr.)
	95	Derek Marso (6-3 279 So.)
NT	96	Andrew Bulman (6-3 275 Sr.)
	91	Jermaine Berry (6-0 295 Jr.)
DE	94	Thomas Houchin (6-3 260 Sr.)
	49	Alax Carrier (6-4 255 Jr.)
LB	18	Bryan Hickman (6-3 230 Sr.)
	17	Jerad Johnson (6-3 220 Jr.)
LB	59	Matt Butler (6-2 225 So.)
	45	Ted Sims (6-1 230 So.)
LB	7	Josh Buhl (6-0 210 Sr.)
	57	Maurice Thurmond (6-2 220 Jr.)
CB	28	David Rose (5-10 180 Jr.)
	4	Cedrick Williams (5-9 165 Jr.)
CB	9	Randy Jordon (6-2 175 Sr.)
	20	Louis Lavender (6-0 185 Jr.)
FS	23	Jesse Tetuan (6-0 185 So.)
	8	James McGill (6-3 215 Sr.)
SS	2	Rashad Washington (6-3 210 Sr.)
	31	Marcus Patton (6-1 210 Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	15	Joe Rheem (6-2 210 Jr.)
	6	Jared Brite (6-2 185 Sr.)
P	6	Jared Brite (6-2 185 Sr.)
	13	David Hamel (6-0 170 Sr.)

Purple Wildcats plan to give them lots of Ell this year

By the margin of a four-point loss at Colorado, Kansas State finished second in the North Division. This year, the Wildcats are the clear favorites to reach the Big 12 Championship Game for the first time since 2000.

Offense is where the Wildcats should excel. They return two record-setters who figure to be among the nation's most exciting players.

Quarterback Ell Roberson emerged from his competition with Marc Dunn last year and set school records for rushing in a season (1,032), game (228 against Nebraska) and play (91 against the Huskers). A dynamic playmaker in the mold of former K-State star and fellow Houston native Michael Bishop, Roberson rushed for three touchdowns and passed for another one in the Holiday Bowl triumph over Arizona State. What pleased coaches most last year was Roberson's improved passing accuracy. He completed 52 percent, up from 40 percent as a sophomore, and threw only four interceptions in 175 attempts.

Lining up behind Roberson is junior running back Darren Sproles, who set a school record with 1,465 yards. The amazing Sproles stands 5-7, and his size has forced him to prove his worth at every level, which may make him the most determined player in college football. Sproles ran downhill against Big 12 competition, gaining 999 yards in eight games, including 159 against Nebraska, 136 against Texas and 130 against Oklahoma State.

The fullback, Travis Wilson, blocked well in his first season after transferring from Michigan State and collected 126 rushing yards.

The Wildcats have a few holes to fill on the offensive line. The returning starters are good ones: senior center/guard Nick Leckey, who was All-Big 12, and guard Mike Johnson. From the ranks of last year's reserves pencil in Ryan Lilja at guard and Jon Doty and Ben Rettele at tackle. But there's plenty of competition at all the line spots.

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Darren Sproles, *RB*

K-State's inexperienced receiving corps is now a year older. James Terry (28 receptions, five touchdowns) and Derrick Evans (13 catches) are the leaders. Tight end Thomas Hill (17 receptions) caught the game-winner in the Holiday Bowl.

The team's biggest loss comes on defense. Cornerback Terence Newman won the Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back and made everybody's All-America team. His matchup against Southern Cal and Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer was one of the best duels of the 2002 season.

The secondary has been traditionally strong for the Wildcats, who return cornerback Randy Jordan and strong safety Rashad Washington. Four players are battling for Newman's corner spot, including a pair of stellar junior college transfers in Corey Reddick and Cedrick Williams. Free safety Jesse Tetuan was solid as a freshman and will battle senior James McGill for the starting spot.

The linebacker corps also lost a stud in Terry Pierce, an All-Big 12 selection who opted for the NFL Draft after his junior season. But back are outside 'backers Josh Buhl, who led the Wildcats with 135 tackles, and Bryan Hickman, who came up with two interceptions against Oklahoma State. Pierce's spot will go to Matt Butler or Ted Sims. Both are sophomores, although Butler saw more action last season.

Kansas State allowed a mere 69.5 rushing yards per game last year, testimony to a strong line. Three of four regulars are gone, but lone returner Andrew Shull at end is solid. He led the 'Cats with 10 sacks. Thomas Houchin gets the other end spot. Justin Montgomery and Andrew Bulman are the leaders at tackle.

K-State's kicking game is coming off a disastrous season. The 'Cats missed nine extra points and blew a game-tying field goal against Texas. Joe Rheem (53 of 59 extra points and nine of 12 field goals) will look to improve on last year's totals.

STADIUM INFO
Name: KSU Stadium/Wagner Field
Capacity: 50,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Bill Snyder, 13th Year
Record: 105-49-1
Career Record: 105-49-1

ASST. COACHES
Bret Bielema (co-def. coord./LBs), **Bob Elliot** (def. coord./secondary), **Mo Latimore** (DL/assist.recruit. coord.), **Del Miller** (co-off. coord./QBs), **Matt Miller** (TEs), **Greg Peterson** (WRs/co-off. coord.), **Michael Smith** (RBs), **Joe Bob Clements** (DEs), **Bob Stanley** (OL), **Sean Snyder** (dir. of football oper.)

Nebraska CORNHUSKERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

2002 Record: 7-7 overall, 3-5 BIG 12 *(lost to Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl, 27-23)*

Official athletic Web site: www.huskers.com

Lord knows these 'Huskers have to become more consistent so Solich can find some solace

This is unlike any preseason in Nebraska history. The Cornhuskers are coming off a 7-7 record, the worst in 42 years.

Coach Frank Solich can't afford another such season. He shook up his staff, replacing nearly all his defensive coaches, and surrendered the play-calling duties.

Barney Cotton, who called the plays at New Mexico State, became Nebraska's offensive coordinator. Joining Cotton on the offensive staff is Tim Albin, who had been a grad assistant for the past three years. Scott Downing came from Purdue to coach the tight ends.

Former Green Bay Packers assistant Bo Pelini takes over the defense. The former Nebraska All-American returns to Lincoln and Marvin Sanders arrives from Colorado State to take over the secondary.

More changes: No more wingbacks and split ends on the Huskers' depth chart. Now, they're wide receivers. Rover is now called the strong safety. The biggest position switch involves Richie Incognito, the team's best offensive lineman, who goes from tackle to center.

If only Nebraska can switch its fortunes. Last season was tough to stomach for the fans who had never seen such mediocrity. It started with a drubbing at Penn State and continued with losses to schools Nebraska historically has dominated, such as Oklahoma State and Iowa State.

Righting the ship begins with improved play from quarterback Jammal Lord. At times, Lord was terrific. He set the school total offense record with 2,774 yards and rushed for 1,412 yards, the third-highest total ever for a Division I-A quarterback.

But Lord also was painfully inconsistent. The Huskers would love to see him become a more accurate passer. His interception in the end zone on the final snap sealed Nebraska's home loss to Texas.

The battle to replace Dahrran Diedrick is led by David Horne, who rushed for 651 yards as a freshman last year. Fullback Judd Davies will start for a third season.

Ross Pilkington set a Nebraska freshman record for receptions and yards (14-301) and tight end Matt Herian showed big-play ability by averaging 43 yards on seven receptions. Four went for touchdowns.

The offensive line won't return to a 1990 standard of excellence, but it should be better than last year. Guard Mike Erickson and tackle Dan Vili Waldrop join Incognito as returning starters.

Eight regulars are back on what should be a better defense. The big loss is end Chris Kelsay, but three starters return on the line: nose tackles Ryon Bingham and Patrick Kabongo and end Trevor Johnson.

Barrett Ruud and DeMorrio Williams give Nebraska experience at linebacker, while four players who started at least five games return back in the secondary. The big loss there is DeJuan Groce, but sophomore cornerback Fabian Washington is a rising star.

Groce also will be missed as a return specialist. Nebraska returns punter Kyle Larson but must replace kicker Josh Brown.

Jammal Lord, *QB*

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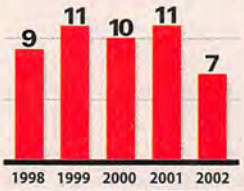
2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A. 30	Oklahoma State	L	21-24
S. 6	Utah State	W	44-13
S. 13	Penn State	L	7-40
S. 25	@ Southern Miss		
O. 4	Troy State	W	31-16
O. 11	@ Missouri	W	24-13
O. 18	Texas A&M	W	38-31
O. 25	Iowa State	L	14-36
N. 1	@ Texas	L	24-27
N. 8	@ Kansas	W	45-7
N. 15	Kansas State	L	13-49
N. 28	@ Colorado	L	13-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/27

OFFENSE		
QB	5	Jammal Lord (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	16	Mike Stuntz 6-1, 200, Jr.)
FB	4	Judd Davies (6-0, 250, Sr.)
	6	DeAntae Grixby (5-8, 215, Sr.)
TB	9	David Horne (6-0, 190, So.)
	1	Josh Davis (5-11, 205, Sr.)
OT	69	Nick Povendo (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	56	Gary Pike (6-4, 320, So.)
OG	78	Mike Erickson (6-4, 305, Jr.)
	71	Jake Andersen (6-1, 300, Jr.)
C	51	Richie Incognito (6-3, 300, So.)
	64	Kurt Mann (6-3, 290, RFr.)
OG	55	Junior Tagoa'i (6-2, 300, Sr.)
	75	Brandon Koch (6-3, 310, So.)
OT	68	Dan Vili Waldrop (6-5, 350, Sr.)
	76	Chris Loos (6-3, 290, Sr.)
TE	11	Matt Herian (6-5, 240, So.)
	82	Phil Peetz (6-2, 270, Sr.)
WR	24	Jack O'Holleran (5-10, 205, Jr.)
	10	Mark LeFlore* (5-11, 185, So.)
WR	2	Ross Pilkington (6-0, 190, So.)
	13	Tim Liley (6-2, 205, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	5	Benard Thomas (6-4, 265, Jr.)
	96	Titus Adams (6-3, 290, So.)
NT	59	Ryon Bingham (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	94	Patrick Kabongo (6-6, 320, Sr.)
DT	66	Le Kevin Smith (6-2, 305, So.)
	97	Seppo Evwaraye (6-5, 320, So.)
DE	88	Trevor Johnson (6-4, 255, Sr.)
	90	Adam Carriker (6-6, 260, RFr.)
LB	2	T.J. Hollowell (6-0, 230, Sr.)
	11	Ira Cooper (6-2, 230, Jr.)
LB	38	Barrett Ruud (6-2, 240, Jr.)
	11	Ira Cooper (6-2, 230, Jr.)
LB	7	Demorrio Williams (6-1, 210, Sr.)
	40	Lannie Hopkins (6-2, 220, Jr.)
CB	1	Lornell McPherson (5-9, 175, Jr.)
	28	Pat Ricketts (5-11, 180, Sr.)
CB	3	Fabian Washington (5-11, 175, So.)
	4	Terrell Butler (5-10, 190, Sr.)
FS	20	Josh Bullocks (6-1, 195, So.)
	31	Jerrell Pippens (6-2, 195, Sr.)
SS	14	Daniel Bullocks (6-1, 200, So.)
	23	Shane Siegel (6-2, 220, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	22	Sandro DeAngelis (5-8, 190, Jr.)
	32	Dale Endorf (6-0, 210, Sr.)
P	19	Kyle Larson (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	37	Sam Koch (6-1, 230, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Memorial Stadium/ Tom Osborne Field
Capacity: 73,918
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Frank Solich, 6th Year
Record: 49-16
Career Record: 49-16

ASST. COACHES
Turner Gill (assist. head coach/QBs), **Barney Cotton** (off.coord./OL), **Bo Pelini** (def. coord.), **Tim Albin** (RBs/passing game coordinator), **Ron Brown** (WRs), **Scott Downing** (TEs/kickers and punters/recruit. coord.), **Jeff Jamrog** (special teams), **Marvin Sanders** (secondary), **Jimmy Williams** (LBs)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 3

Colorado BUFFALOES

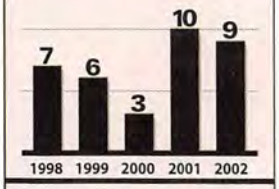
2002 Record: 9-5 overall, 7-1 BIG 12 *(lost to Wisconsin in overtime the Alamo Bowl, 31-28)*

Official athletic Web site: www.cubuffs.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A. 30	Colorado State	L	14-19
S. 6	UCLA	W	31-17
S. 13	Washington State		
S. 20	@ Florida State		
O. 4	@ Baylor	W	34-0
O. 11	Kansas	W	53-29
O. 18	@ Kansas State	W	35-31
O. 25	Oklahoma	L	11-27
N. 1	@ Texas Tech	W	37-13
N. 8	Missouri	W (OT)	42-35
N. 15	@ Iowa State	W	41-27
N. 28	Nebraska	W	28-13

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/23

OFFENSE

QB 14 Joel Klatt (6-1, 195, So.)
10 James Cox (6-3, 210, Fr.-RS)
FB 34 Lawrence Vickers (6-2, 225, So.)
32 J.P. diZerega (6-2, 230, Jr.)
TB 2 Brian Calhoun (5-10, 195, So.)
42 Bobby Purify (6-0, 200, Sr.)
OT 73 Clint O'Neal (6-6, 290, So.)
65 Del Scales (6-6, 270, Fr.-RS)
OG 69 Karl Allis (6-5, 310, Sr.)
63 Jack Tipton (6-4, 280, Fr.-RS)
C 58 Mark Fenton (6-4, 295, Fr.-RS)
64 Taylor Landry (6-0, 275, Fr.-RS)
OG 62 Marwan Hage (6-3, 295, Sr.)
55 Mike Sutton (6-6, 325, Fr.)
OT 79 Gary Moore (6-7, 330, So.)
75 Frederick Staugh (6-5, 275, Fr.-RS)
TE 45 Quinn Sypniewski (6-7, 250, Sr.)
86 Jesse Wallace (6-3, 235, Jr.)
WR 80 Derek McCoy (6-3, 205, Sr.)
4 Ron Monteilh (6-1, 190, Jr.)
WR 85 John Donahoe (6-0, 185, Sr.)
88 D.J. Hackett (6-3, 195, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE 97 Gabe Nyenhuis (6-4, 265, Sr.)
82 James Garee (6-5, 250, So.)
DT 90 Sam Wilder (6-5, 275, Jr.)
96 Marcus Jones (6-5, 275, Fr.-RS)
DT 98 Brandon Dabdoub (6-1, 285, Jr.)
93 Vaka Manupuna (6-1, 280, So.)
DE 30 Marques Harris (6-2, 235, Sr.)
60 Matt McChesney (6-4, 280, Jr.)
LB 54 Sean Tufts (6-4, 235, Sr.)
50 Chris Hollis (6-1, 235, So.)
LB 50 Chris Hollis (6-1, 235, So.)
55 Jason Ackermann (6-2, 215, Fr.-RS)
CB 1 Sammy Joseph (6-1, 180, Fr.-RS)
14 A.J. Anderson (6-0, 170, So.)
CB 19 Allen Mackey (5-11, 180, Jr.)
3 Marcus Moore (5-11, 180, Sr.)
S 17 Medford Moorer (6-2, 195, Sr.)
18 Tyrone Henderson (6-0, 185, Fr.-RS)
S 12 Akarika Dawn (6-2, 220, So.)
5 J.J. Billingsley (5-11, 190, So.)
S 27 Brian Iwuh (6-1, 210, So.)
20 Clyde Surrell (5-10, 185, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK 35 J.T. Eberly (6-1, 205, Jr.)
39 Kevin Eberhart (5-10, 180, Fr.)
P 29 John Torp (6-2, 195, So.)
37 J.P. Heaton (6-2, 200, Fr.)

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J.J. Billingsley, SS

Buffs going for a North Division three-peat, but inexperience may hold them back

If Colorado wins a third straight division championship, Gary Barnett should retire all coaching honors.

Two years ago, the Buffaloes supplanted Nebraska as North kingpin with an ambush in Boulder that started the Huskers' spiral. Last year, Colorado overcame the abrupt defection of its starting quarterback and pieced together another trophy season.

This year, with eight offensive starters lost, including most of the primary playmakers, Colorado once again isn't the choice to win the division. But this program can never be ignored.

"We've minimized expectations quite a bit," Barnett says. "At this point, we're not ready to defend the Big 12 North."

It never seems that way when the season begins, either. Colorado has lost its opening game each of the last two seasons, but its 14-2 record in league play is a Big 12 best.

Barnett made his comments after a spring in which it seemed half the team was laid up with injuries. After sorting things out, the Buffaloes are left with a team that needs to find a quarterback, should be fine at running back and wide receiver, must find four starters on the offensive line and should have one of the league's better defenses.

Quarterback candidates Joel Klatt, Erik Greenberg and James Cox have 10 games (no starts) of combined experience. Klatt's strong arm and quick release give him the edge heading into the fall.

Tailbacks Bobby Purify and Brian Calhoun combined for more than 1,000 yards last fall, getting the carries that Big 12 rushing leader Chris Brown (1,841 yards) didn't get. Brown left a year early for the NFL Draft.

Derek McCoy, who caught 41 passes for 643 yards and seven touchdowns, is one of the league's better wide receivers. Guard Marwan Hage is the lone returning starter on the offensive line.

The news is better on defense. Ends Gabe Nyenhuis and Marques Harris combined for 25 tackles for loss; tackle Sam Wilder, who moved into a starting role in the fourth game, collected 10 tackles for loss.

Good things are expected from linebacker Sean Tufts, who played only six games last year because of injury. Opposite Tufts eventually should be Thaddaeus Washington, a promising redshirt freshman who was suspended for some of spring practice for violating team rules.

Free safety Medford Moorer is the defensive captain. He led Colorado with four interceptions and nine pass breakups. Two more safeties line up in the Buffs' 4-2-5 scheme. Brian Iwuh leads at weak safety and Akarika Dawn at strong, with J.J. Billingsley seeing action in the dime package.

Colorado has a big hole to fill on special teams with the loss of punter Mark Mariscal, the Ray Guy Award winner. Pencil in John Torp (49.7-yard average on three kicks) as the replacement. Placekicking was a problem with 15 missed field goals.

Then there's Jeremy Bloom, the skier/kick-return specialist. Colorado's in great shape if Bloom returns, but there's no guarantee he'll be back.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Folsom Field
Capacity: 53,740
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Gary Barnett, 5th Year
Record: 29-21
Career Record: 72-77-2

ASST. COACHES
Shawn Watson (off. coord./QBs), **Dave Borbely** (OL), **Ted Gilmore** (WRs), **Shawn Simms** (RBs), **John Wristen** (TEs), **Brian Cabral** (assist. head coach/ILBs), **Vince Okruch** (def. coord./OLBs), **Vance Joseph** (secondary), **Chris Wilson** (DL), **David Hansburg** (coord. of football oper.)

Iowa State CYCLONES

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

2002 Record: 7-7 overall, 4-4 BIG 12 *(lost to Boise State in the Humanitarian Bowl, 34-16)*

Official athletic Web site: www.cyclones.com

Nobody said life after sensational Seneca was going to be easy in Ames for Cyclones

The Cyclones' season unfolded about as predicted, with much success early and tough losses late. But just because you know something is likely to happen doesn't mean you're prepared for it.

Iowa State was crushed by the way last season ended, with a loss to Connecticut followed by a bowl loss at Boise State. The final record of 7-7 was excellent by the program's historical standards but far below what the coaches and players dreamed for themselves through the end of October.

After losing the opener to Florida State in a thriller, the Cyclones ripped off six straight victories, including triumphs at Iowa and over Nebraska, and jumped into the Top 10 for the first time. Quarterback Seneca Wallace became a Heisman favorite and the Cyclones were the talk of college football.

But everybody knew what was coming: a stretch of four road games in five weeks against ranked Big 12 opponents. Iowa State lost all of them, plus all the steam it had built up in the first half of the season.

Now, it's a matter of keeping the program on a winning track. Iowa State has played in a school-record three straight bowl games. Gone is the dynamic Wallace. Getting first crack to replace him is Cris Love, the most experienced reserve. He has appeared in nine games over the past two seasons.

Junior college transfer Waye Terry, who's been in the program for a year, will get a look, as will strong-armed redshirt freshman Austin Flynn and freshman Kyle Van Winkle.

Whoever gets the call will have plenty of experienced hands surrounding him. Three O-line starters are back, led by second-team All-Big 12 guard Bob Montgomery. The big story here is freshman guard Aaron Brant, who finished high school in December and will likely earn a starting role. All the wide receivers return, including Lane Danielsen (63 receptions).

Last year was the first in the coach Dan McCarney era that Iowa State didn't produce a 1,000-yard rusher. That should change this year with Wallace gone and Michael Wagner back. He ran for more than 100 yards against both Nebraska and Texas Tech last year.

Defense is the team's strength. The entire secondary returns.

Strong safety JaMaine Billups rates among the league's best and led the Cyclones with 97 tackles.

Noseguard Nick Leaders was one of the Big 12's top freshmen. Tackle Jordan Carstens and end Tyson Smith give Iowa State an experienced defensive line, a luxury McCarney has rarely enjoyed. Brandon Brown is the only returning starter among the linebacking corps, but Iowa State won't have to rely on newcomers to fill the other spots. Joe Woodley, Erik Anderson and Chris Whitaker all have seen plenty of action as reserves.

Kicking should be solid with Adam Benike, a walk-on who was voted All-Big 12 last fall. The punter is Tony Yelk, who also doubles as the kickoff specialist.

Lance Young, *WR*

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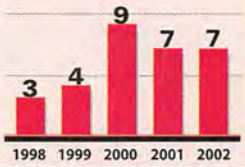
2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Northern Iowa		
S.6	Ohio		
S.13	Iowa	W	36-31
S.27	@ Northern Illinois		
O.4	Oklahoma	L	3-49
O.11	@ Texas Tech	W	31-17
O.18	Texas	L	10-21
O.25	@ Nebraska	W	36-14
N.1	@ Missouri	W	42-35
N.8	Kansas State	L	7-58
N.15	Colorado	L	27-41
N.22	@ Kansas	W	45-3

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/15

OFFENSE

QB	16	Cris Love Jr. (6-5, 214, Jr.)
	8	Austin Flynn (6-1, 186, Fr.)
FB	31	Ryan Kock (6-4, 242, Fr.)
	40	Derek Walters (5-10, 235, Sr.)
TB	4	Michael Wagner (5-7, 188, Sr.)
	12	Hiawatha Rutland (6-0, 202, Sr.)
LT	71	Casey Shelton (6-5, 295, Sr.)
	62	Johannes Egbers (6-2, 282, So.)
LG	65	Bob Montgomery (6-2, 306, Sr.)
	78	Collin Menard (6-3, 302, Sr.
C	67	Luke Vander Sanden (6-2, 305, Jr.)
	79	Matt Bockes (6-0, 284, Sr.)
RG	58	Seth Zehr (6-5, 271, Fr.) OR
	75	Aaron Brant (6-7, 307, Fr.
RT	53	Cale Stubbe (6-3, 302, Jr.)
	72	Kory Pence (6-4, 311, So.)
TE	85	Kenny Segin (6-4, 255, Jr.)
	36	Brett Kellogg (6-2, 252, Jr.)
WR	83	Jamaul Montgomery (6-0, 197, Sr.)
	81	Jon Davis (6-3, 191, Fr.)
WR	26	Jack Whitver (5-10, 183, Sr.)
	80	Lance Young (6-0, 181, Sr.)
WR	82	Lane Danielsen (6-0, 192, Sr.)
	13	David Banks-Bursey (5-8, 172, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LE	91	Tim TeBrink (6-3, 284, Jr.)
	95	Beau Klaffke (6-3, 262, Fr.)
DT	92	Jordan Carstens (6-5, 303, Sr.)
	56	Shaheed Richardson (6-4, 267, Sr.)
NG	66	Nick Leaders (6-2, 290, So.
	96	Brent Nelson (6-3, 290, Jr.)
RE	1	Tyson Smith (6-2, 242, Sr.)
	43	Cephus Johnson (6-2, 245, So.)
SLB	58	Erik Anderson (6-0, 224, Jr.)
	9	Nik Moser (6-0, 196, So.)
MLB	33	Brandon Brown (5-10, 229, Jr.)
	44	Kyle Smith (6-2, 227, Fr.)
WLB	45	Joe Woodley (5-10, 227, Sr.)
	54	Matthew Robertson (6-1, 224, Fr.)
LCB	17	Anthony Forrest (6-0, 192, Jr.)
	10	Johnny Smith III (5-11, 170, Sr.)
RCB	11	Ellis Hobbs III (5-7, 183, Jr.)
	16	Harold Clewis II (5-8, 193, Sr.)
SS	6	JaMaine Billups (5-9, 202, Sr.)
	2	Gabe Bakker (5-10, 195, Jr.)
FS	8	Steve Paris (6-1, 193, So.)
	18	Marc Timmons (5-8, 162, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	49	Adam Benike (5-10, 230, Sr.)
	14	Tony Yelk (6-0, 201, Jr.)
P	14	Tony Yelk (6-0, 201, Jr.)
	24	Troy Blankenship (6-0, 196, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Jack Trice Stadium
Capacity: 50,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Dan McCarney, 8th Year
Record: 36-57
Career Record: 36-57

ASST. COACHES
Tony Alford (assist. head coach/RBs), **Terry Allen** (assoc. head coach/TEs), **Steve Brickey** (off. coord./QBs), **Marty Fine** (special teams/OL), **John Skladany** (def. coord./LBs), **Chris Ash** (secondary), **DeMontie Cross** (OLBs), **Mike Grant** (WRs), **Matt McGettigan** (strength and conditioning), **Mike Nelson** (DL)

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/18

OFFENSE		
QB	16	Brad Smith (6-3, 201, So.)
TB	38	Zack Abron (5-10, 228, Sr.)
OT	76	Rob Droege (6-6, 300, Sr.)
OG	52	Tony Palmer (6-3, 303, So.)
C	70	A.J. Ricker (6-4, 295, Sr.)
OG	58	Cliff Young (6-2, 300, Sr.)
OT	78	Scott Paffrath (6-5, 285, Jr.)
TE	89	J.D. McCoy (6-1, 258, Sr.)
WR	80	Chris Crosby (6-3, 202, So.)
WR	88	Arnold Britt (6-2, 182, So.)
WR	12	Sean Coffey (6-6, 224, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	92	Brian Smith (6-4, 210, RSFr.)
DT	94	Phil Pitts (6-1, 276, Jr.)
N	99	C.J. Mosley (6-3, 289, So.)
DE	97	Atiyyah Ellison (6-4, 290, Jr.)
LB	46	Henry Sweat (6-0, 230, Jr.)
LB	24	James Kinney (6-1, 238, Jr.)
CB	7	A.J. Kincade (5-11, 180, So.)
CB	26	Michael Harden (5-11, 190, Sr.)
FS	36	Marcus King (5-11, 188, Jr.)
ROV	9	Justin Scott (6-1, 196, So.)
ROV	40	Jason Simpson (6-1, 193, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	34	Mike Matheny (6-2, 196, Sr.)
P	13	Brock Harvey (6-1, 197, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field
Capacity: 68,349
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Gary Pinkel, 3rd Year
Record: 9-14
Career Record: 82-51-3

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 5

Missouri TIGERS

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 2-6 BIG 12

Official athletic Web site: www.mutigers.com

Missouri appears to be headed in the right direction, but the Tigers can't get there fast enough for coach Gary Pinkel.

"I like to think we're taking the next step, but you've got to do it," he says. "Talking about it doesn't mean much."

Missouri went 4-7 in Pinkel's first season and 5-7 last year, which included a victory at Texas A&M. Progress, yes, but nothing like the 10-victory seasons Pinkel had at his previous stop, Toledo.

"It's not been fun these two seasons," Pinkel says. "I've been associated with winning at a high level. I'm glad these two years are over with. I want to start winning at a higher level."

The Tigers will have that opportunity because of 15 returning starters and a gem of a quarterback in Brad Smith.

Three publications named Smith the freshman All-American quarterback. He set the school total-offense record with 3,362 yards and ranked 10th in the nation at 280.2 yards per game. He rushed for 1,029 yards and completed 54 percent of his passes. Amazing numbers for a rookie quarterback.

Pinkel thinks Smith will be even better.

"Just being a year older, he understands more than ever," Pinkel says. "And because he does, it will enable us to do more at the line."'

One change Pinkel wants Smith to make: Stop taking hits. Smith runs and can take punishment like a running back. Because so much of what Missouri does depends on Smith, the Tigers cannot afford to have him hurt.

All the offensive linemen are back, led by center A.J. Ricker and tackle Rob Droege. Tailback Zack Abron rushed for 758 yards last fall and should pull closer to 1,000 this season. The top returning receiver is Darius Outlaw (46 yards, 552 yards).

Winning games by outscoring opponents isn't what Pinkel has in mind. The Tigers ranked 107th nationally in yards allowed (450 per game) and 81st in points allowed (29.3). If the unit is ready to step up, the leaders will be linebacker James Kinney, who was in on 144 tackles, and nose tackle C.J. Mosely.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Illinois (@ St. Louis)
S.6	@ Ball State
S.13	Eastern Illinois
S.20	Middle Tennessee State
S.27	@ Kansas
O.11	Nebraska
O.18	@ Oklahoma
O.25	Texas Tech
N.1	Iowa State
N.8	@ Colorado
N.15	Texas A&M
N.22	@ Kansas State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/21

OFFENSE		
QB	4	Bill Whittemore (6-1, 205, Sr.)
FB	33	Austine Nwabuisi (6-1, 235, Jr.)
TB	30	Clark Green (5-11, 205, So.)
OT	72	Adrian Jones (6-5, 260, Sr.)
OG	77	Bob Whitaker (6-5, 325, Fr.-RS)
C	56	Joe Vaughn (6-1, 280, Jr.)
OG	76	Justin Henry (6-4, 285, So.)
OT	78	Danny Lewis (6-4, 295, Sr.)
TE	86	Lyonel Anderson (6-3, 235, Jr.)
WR	19	Derick Mills (5-7, 165, Sr.)
WR	84	Brandon Rideau (6-4, 190, Jr.)
WR	83	Mark Simmons (5-11, 175, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	98	Cory Kipp (6-4, 280, Sr.)
NT	90	Tim Allen (6-1, 260, So.)
DT	67	Travis Watkins (6-4, 295, Jr.)
DE	92	David McMillan (6-3, 240, Jr.)
LB	5	Banks Floodman (6-3, 230, So.)
LB	45	Kevin Kane (6-1, 220, So.)
LB	59	Brandon Perkins (6-1, 220, So.)
CB	8	Remuise Johnson (5-8, 170, Sr.)
CB	26	Donnie Amadi (5-10, 180, So.)
FS	9	Tony Stubbs (5-10, 200, Jr.)
SS	13	Zach Dyer (6-2, 210, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	46	Johnny Beck (6-1, 215, Jr.)
P	37	Curtis Ansel (6-1, 210, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 50,250
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Mark Mangino, 2nd Year
Record: 2-10
Career Record: 2-10

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

Kansas JAYHAWKS

2002 Record: 2-10 overall, 0-8 BIG 12

Official athletic Web site: www.kuathletics.com

Kansas got a steal in quarterback Bill Whittemore. Despite being named Mr. Tennessee Football by one publication, Whittemore received no Division I-A offers out of high school. He started his college career at Division I-AA Tennessee-Martin, but the coach was fired after Whittemore's redshirt season and the youngster didn't adapt well to a new triple-option offense. Also, he tore a knee ligament in the third game.

Whittemore looked for something else to fit his passing skills and headed to Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, where in his first game he passed for 571 yards. He later chose Kansas over New Mexico State and Middle Tennessee, and became the Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year. He completed 151 of 305 passes for 1,666 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 549 yards and finished fourth in the Big 12 with 246 yards per game of total offense.

DOUG HOLLEMAN
Clark Green, TB

Whittemore won't be asked to do it all this season. Running back Clark Green ran for a team-high 813 yards and was the No. 2 receiver, with 37 catches. Five of the Jayhawks' top seven receivers return.

The offensive line retained only one starter, tackle Tony Coker. The unit is one of the team's big question marks. Last year, the Jayhawks gave up 33 sacks. A pair of junior college transfers, center Joe Vaughn and tight end Lyonel Anderson, figure to make an early impact.

Defensively, Kansas should be improved. Seven starters are back, including three of four in the secondary. The strong safety is Zach Dyer, who lost his quarterback spot last year and recorded 48 tackles in five games.

The Jayhawks went 2-10 and lost all their league games for the first time. There were moments of hope. They trailed North Division champion Colorado by 10 in the fourth quarter and played Missouri tough for a while. But the team fell apart in the final three weeks, getting outscored 164-27.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Northwestern
S.6	UNLV
S.13	@ Wyoming
S.20	Jacksonville State
S.27	Missouri
O.11	@ Colorado
O.18	Baylor
O.25	@ Kansas State
N.1	@ Texas A&M
N.8	Nebraska
N.15	@ Oklahoma State
N.22	Iowa State

Oklahoma SOONERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

2002 Record: 12-2 overall, 6-2 BIG 12 *(beat Washington State in the Rose Bowl, 34-14)*

Official athletic Web site: www.soonersports.com

What's not to like about 2003 Sooners, whose defense could rank among the all-time best?

It never fails. Oklahoma could lose all 22 starters, nine assistant coaches, half of its stadium and Sooners coach Bob Stoops would tell you he thinks his team will be better.

The thing is, he's usually right. This season, the Sooners will roll out one of the nation's top defensive units. They could have as many as six all-conference defenders and two or three major individual award winners.

"Even so, we think there are areas where we can improve," Stoops says. "We want to be better than we've been the last couple of years."

Better than they've been? Let's see, in the last two years Oklahoma has produced the Big 12's second-best defense in terms of fewest total yards, passing yards, rushing yards and points allowed. When teams have found soft spots, usually through the air, as Texas A&M and Oklahoma State did last year, it's time for some serious soul searching.

Nine defensive starters return. The best of the bunch could be junior tackle Tommie Harris, an All-Big 12 choice as a freshman who slipped a bit last season, in part due to a groin injury. When he's 100 percent and motivated, there's no better tackle in the college game.

The other interior spot belongs to Kory Klein, a steady performer and two-year starter. End Jonathan Jackson recorded six tackles and two sacks against Washington State in the Rose Bowl. The other end, Dan Cody, had a more consistent season.

Teddy Lehman is one of the premier linebackers in the nation. And one of the best on his team. That's how good this unit is. Lehman was a Butkus Award finalist last year, and Lance Mitchell was named Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year. Pasha Jackson would be the headliner on just about any other team.

It seems as if the same group of defensive backs have been around forever. Free safety Brandon Everage and cornerback Derrick Strait each had six interceptions last fall. Strong safety Eric Bassey started all 14 games; part-time starter Antonio Perkins can play every position in the secondary. Perkins also is one of the nation's top return men. He returned three punts for touchdowns last season.

Quarterback is the team's biggest question mark. Jason White, a starter each of the last two seasons, has seen those seasons end with torn knee ligaments. He gets first crack at the job again this time. If White has trouble, the Sooners will turn to sophomores Brent Rawls or Paul Thompson.

Mark Clayton and Will Peoples combined for 65 receptions last year. Kejuan Jones is poised to become the Sooners' next 1,000-yard rusher, although Oklahoma clearly will miss the work ethic of dynamic running back Quentin Griffin, who ran for 1,884 yards and 15 touchdowns.

One reason Griffin was so productive was a top-notch offensive line. Both tackles, Jammal Brown and Wes Sims, are all-league-caliber. So is junior center Vince Carter. Stoops calls this is best line in five seasons.

Trey DiCarlo became the most successful freshman kicker in school history, making 16 of 22 field goals. Punter Blake Ferguson, who averaged 39 yards per boot, also returns.

It's another solid team, the clear South Division favorite and a top contender for the national championship.

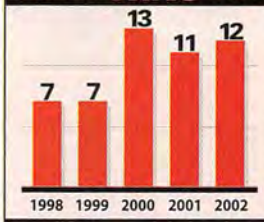
Derrick Strait, *CB*

BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	North Texas		
S.6	@ Alabama	W	37-27
S.13	Fresno State		
S.20	UCLA		
O.4	@ Iowa State	W	49-3
O.11	vs. Texas (Dallas, Texas)	W	35-24
O.18	Missouri	W	31-24
O.25	@ Colorado	W	27-11
N.1	Oklahoma State	L	28-38
N.8	Texas A&M	L	26-30
N.15	Baylor	W	49-9
N.22	@ Texas Tech	W	60-15

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 22
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/14

OFFENSE		
QB	18	Jason White (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	15	Brent Rawls (6-5, 205, So.)
RB	20	Kejuan Jones (5-9, 187, So.)
	47	Renaldo Works (6-1, 220, Sr.)
OT	60	Wes Sims (6-5, 317, Jr.)
	59	Brett Rayl (6-7, 295, So.)
OG	70	Kelvin Chaisson (6-5, 290, So.)
	65	Abner Estrada (6-3, 275, So.)
C	50	Vince Carter (6-3, 284, Jr.)
	52	Chris Bush (6-4, 276, So.)
OG	77	Davin Joseph (6-4, 299, So.)
	52	Chris Bush (6-4, 276, So.)
OT	55	Jammal Brown (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	79	Chris Messner (6-7, 250, RFr.)
TE	89	James Moses (6-3, 234, Jr.)
	86	Lance Donley (6-4, 222, Sr.)
WR	29	Will Peoples (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	3	Jejuan Rankins (5-11, 162, So.)
WR	81	Brandon Jones (6-3, 203, Jr.)
	26	Ataleo Ford (6-1, 184, Jr.)
WR	29	Mark Clayton (5-11, 180, Jr.)
	4	Travis Wilson (6-3, 210, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	49	Jonathan Jackson (6-3, 235, Jr.)
	58	Calvin Thibedeau (6-1, 248, So.)
DT	97	Tommie Harris (6-3, 284, Jr.)
	94	Dusty Dvoracek (6-3, 279, Jr.)
DT	93	Kory Klein (6-2, 285, Sr.)
	96	Lynn McGruder (6-3, 290, Jr.)
DE	80	Dan Cody (6-5, 270, Jr.)
	98	Larry Birdine (6-5, 249, RFr.)
LB	11	Teddy Lehman (6-2, 241, Sr.)
	48	Gayron Allen (5-10, 211, Jr.)
LB	10	Lance Mitchell (6-3, 246, Sr.)
		Wayne Chambers (6-3, 225, So.)
LB	53	Pasha Jackson (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	36	Russell Dennison (6-3, 240, So.)
CB	28	Antonio Perkins (6-0, 186, Jr.)
	1	Mark Bradley (6-2, 190, Jr.)
CB	2	Derrick Strait (5-11, 194, Sr.)
	13	Eric Bassey (6-1, 190, So.)
FS	7	Brandon Everage (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	19	Michael Thompson (6-1, 196, Sr.)
SS	13	Eric Bassey (6-1, 188, Jr.)
	8	Donte Nicholson (6-2, 210, Jr.)
SPECIAILISTS		
PK	83	Trey DiCarlo (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	43	Steven Sarubbi (6-3, 180, Sr.)
P	87	Blake Ferguson (6-0, 190, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Oklahoma Memorial Stadium **Capacity:** 72,762 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Bob Stoops,** 4th Year **Record:** 43-8 **Career Record:** 43-8	**Mike Stoops** (assoc. head coach/co-def. coord.), **Chuck Long** (off. coord./QBs), **Brent Venables** (co-def. coord.r/LBs), **Bobby Jack Wright** (DEs/recruit. coord.), **Cale Gundy** (RBs), **Jackie Shipp** (DL), **Kevin Sumlin** (TEs), **Kevin Wilson** (OL/running game coord.), **Darrell Wyatt** (WRs), **Merv Johnson** (dir. of football oper.)

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

Texas LONGHORNS

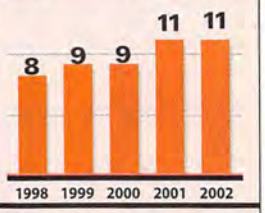
2002 Record: 11-2 overall, 6-2 BIG 12 *(beat LSU in the Cotton Bowl, 35-20)*

Official athletic Web site: www.texassports.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	New Mexico State		
S.13	Arkansas		
S.20	@ Rice		
S.27	Tulane	W	49-0
O.4	Kansas State	W	17-14
O.11	vs. Oklahoma (Dallas)	L	24-35
O.18	@ Iowa State	W	21-10
O.25	@ Baylor	W	41-0
N.1	Nebraska	W	27-24
N.8	@ Oklahoma State	W	17-15
N.15	Texas Tech	L	38-42
N.28	@ Texas A&M	W	50-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/19

OFFENSE

QB	5	Chance Mock (6-2, 215, Jr.)
	10	Vince Young (6-5, 220, Fr.)
FB	26	Ivan Williams (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	37	Will Matthews (6-3, 250, Jr.)
TB	32	Cedric Benson (6-0, 205, Jr.)
	3	Selvin Young (6-0, 195, So.)
OT	73	Jonathan Scott (6-7, 297, So.)
	66	Brett Valdez (6-4, 310, Fr.)
OG	61	Tillman Holloway (6-3, 315, Sr.)
	54	Trey Bates (6-5, 300, Jr.)
C	52	Jason Glynn (6-2, 275, Jr.)
	72	Will Allen (6-6, 297, So.)
OG	63	Justin Blalock (6-4, 340, Fr.)
	69	Terrance Young (6-6, 350, So.)
OT	78	William Winston (6-7, 350, So.)
	65	Stevie Lee (6-4, 310, Jr.)
TE	84	Brock Edwards (6-5, 250, Sr.)
	80	Bo Scaife (6-3, 250, Sr.)
WR	4	Roy Williams (6-4, 210, Sr.)
	1	Sloan Thomas (6-2, 200, Sr.)
WR	82	B.J. Johnson (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	12	Tony Jeffery (6-2, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	43	Kalen Thornton (6-3, 270, Sr.)
	42	Chase Pittman (6-5, 265, Fr.)
DT	90	Rodrique Wright (6-5, 320, So.)
	94	Marco Martin (6-4, 310, Fr.)
DT	95	Marcus Tubbs (6-4, 305, Sr.)
	92	Larry Dibbles (6-4, 280, So.)
DE	41	Austin Sendlein (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	98	Bryan Pickryl (6-5, 210, So.)
LB	2	Aaron Harris (6-0, 230, So.)
	52	Garnet Smith (6-3, 220, So.)
LB	45	Reed Boyd (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	56	Aurmon Satchell (6-2, 230, Jr.)
LB	11	Derrick Johnson (6-4, 220, Jr.)
		Marcus Myers (6-3, 220, Fr.)
CB	8	Cedric Griffin (6-2, 190, So.)
	4	Edorian McCullough (5-11, 175, So.)
CB	3	Nathan Vasher (5-11, 180, Sr.)
FS	9	Dakarai Pearson (5-10, 185, Sr.)
SS	7	Michael Huff (6-1, 190, So.)
	22	Phillip Geiggar (5-11, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Dusty Mangum (5-11, 170, Jr.)
	42	David Pino (5-8, 175, Jr.)
P	47	Justin Smith (6-5, 198, Jr.)
	13	Taylor Landin (6-2, 200, So.)

'Mack attack' won't skip a beat sans Simms, Redding

Once again, Texas was good but not good enough. The Longhorns went 11-2, tied for first in the Big 12 South and smacked LSU in the Cotton Bowl.

But no conference championship. Again. No victory over Oklahoma. Again. Coach Mack Brown moves into his sixth season with a barrell of triumphs. It's long since time to win a crown.

It could happen this year. The Longhorns have enough returning talent, but the Big 12 South is rugged, and Texas must meet three North teams (Kansas State, Nebraska and Iowa State) that went to bowl games a year ago.

So, who's the quarterback? Following Chris Simms figures to be Chance Mock, a strong-armed, fourth-year junior quarterback who served as Simms' primary backup last year. Mock has appeared in 10 games but has thrown only nine passes.

The other candidate is redshirt freshman Vince Young, a dynamic throwing-running type who was voted by one service the National High School Player of the Year in 2001.

Mock probably gets the call, but Young should get plenty of snaps. Because both quarterbacks are good runners, look for the Longhorns to line up more frequently in the shotgun this season and run some option and quarterback draws.

No matter who's throwing, Texas will be great at catching. Roy Williams passed up the NFL Draft last year and returns as a third-leading receiver in school history. He's a two-time All-Big 12 pick. Also back is B.J. Johnson, No. 5 on the Texas career list, and Sloan Thomas, who would be a featured receiver on any other Big 12 team.

VINCE MUZIK

Roy Williams, *WR*

Nearly all the running backs return. Texas publicists like to point out that after 25 career games Cedric Benson had rushed for 18 more yards than Ricky Williams, who once owned the NCAA career rushing mark. Where as Williams came on strong toward the end of his career, Benson has been given many opportunities. He actually had a better freshman year (4.7 yards per carry) than sophomore season.

Texas has put an offensive lineman on the All-America Team each of the last three years. This year's top candidate is guard Tillman Holloway. But the unit doesn't figure to be as good as some of the recent lines.

The line also is a question mark on defense. No more Cory Redding, one of the nation's top pass rushers. The best of the bunch are tackle Marcus Tubbs, who despite missing part of six games came up with 43 tackles, and end Kalen Thornton, who came back after knee surgery and posted big games against Oklahoma and Kansas State.

Linebacker Derrick Johnson is one of the nation's best. He tied the school's position record with four interceptions and broke up 10 passes.

Cornerback Nathan Vasher joins Johnson as the Longhorns' top All-America candidates on defense. Vasher could make it at two positions, corner and return specialist. An interception in the end zone to snuff out a last-minute go-ahead touchdown by Nebraska was Vasher's biggest play last fall. Safety Dakarai Pearson enters his third season as a starter.

STADIUM INFO — **Name:** Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium **Capacity:** 80,082 **Playing Surface:** Grass

THE COACH — **Mack Brown,** 6th Year **Record:** 49-15 **Career Record:** 135-89-1

ASST. COACHES — **Greg Davis** (off.coord./QBs), **Carl Reese** (def. coord./LBs), **Duane Akina** (assist. head coach/DBs), **Bruce Chambers** (TEs), **Darryl Drake** (assoc. head coach/WRs), **Michael Haywood** (RBs/STs), **Hardee McCrary** (DEs/recruit. coord.), **Mac McWhorter** (OL), **Mike Tolleson** (DTs/STs coord.), **Jeff Madden** (strength and cond.), **Cleve Bryant** (dir. for football oper.)

Oklahoma State
COWBOYS

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-3 BIG 12 *(beat Southern Miss in the Houston Bowl, 33-23)*

Official athletic Web site: www.okstate.com

Whether you like the 'Fields' or the 'Woods,' these Cowboys have something to offer on '0'

Did any program in the country leave its fans with a better feeling than last year's Cowboys?

It wasn't just the bowl game, a comeback victory over Southern Mississippi in Houston, although that pushed Oklahoma State to its best record in a decade. No, in the second half of last season the Pokes thumped Texas A&M, ended a two-decade losing streak to Nebraska and beat Oklahoma for the second straight year.

These are good times in Stillwater. Optimism abounds and centers around an offense that returns three of the Big 12's top playmakers.

Wide receiver Rashaun Woods passed on the NFL Draft to return for his senior season. He may end up battling Texas' Roy Williams for the Biletnikoff Award. Woods led the Big 12 with 107 receptions for 1,695 yards and 17 touchdowns. He toyed with the dangerous Oklahoma secondary with three scoring receptions. Woods already is the league's career leader in catches and yards.

Throwing to Woods is quarterback Josh Fields, whose 31 touchdown passes last year trailed only Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury in the Big 12. Fields is a strong thrower who hit on 55 percent, his first season as a full-time starter. He became the program's first quarterback to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season.

Tatum Bell is one of the Big 12's three returning 1,000-yard rushers. Rejoining him in the backfield is Seymore Shaw, who ran for 498 yards despite opening the season with an ankle injury.

Woods, Fields and Bell aren't the Pokes' only weapons. Tight end Billy Bajema, who started all 13 games, returns. Three regulars (guards Chris Akin and Sam Mayes and center Ben Buie) are back from a line that surrendered a league-low 17 sacks.

All-American defensive tackle Kevin Williams is gone, and the Cowboys must replace the middle of the front. Ends Greg Richmond and Antonio Smith, who combined for 11 sacks, are back.

Linebacker Paul Duren led Oklahoma State with 84 tackles as a redshirt freshman last year. Lawrence Pinson steps in for Terrence Robinson as the other linebacker.

Safety Elbert Craig enters the season with 34 consecutive starts. His 83 tackles ranked second on he team. Corner Darrent Williams led the Cowboys with three interceptions. The other corner is manned by Vernon Grant, a starter in the second half of last season.

Luke Phillips returns as one of the Big 12's top kickers. He made 11 of 16 field goals and 55 of 56 extra points. Punter Cole Farden averaged 41.4 yards and is the Cowboys' kickoff specialist.

Paul Duren, *LB*

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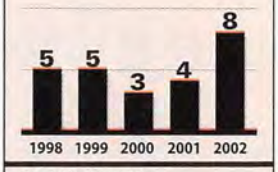
2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Nebraska	W	24-21
S.6	Wyoming		
S.13	Southwest Missouri State		
S.20	@ SMU	W	52-16
O.4	Louisiana-Lafayette		
O.11	Kansas State	L	7-44
O.18	Texas Tech	L	24-49
O.25	@ Texas A&M	W	28-23
N.1	@ Oklahoma	W	38-28
N.8	Texas	L	15-17
N.15	Kansas	W	55-20
N.22	@ Baylor	W	63-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/16

OFFENSE

QB	13	Josh Fields (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	14	Jamie Beeghley (6-3, 195, RS Fr.)
FB	40	Tim Burrough (6-1, 245, Sr.)
	39	Shawn Willis (6-1, 235, So.)
TB	7	Tatum Bell (5-11, 205, Sr.)
	22	Seymore Shaw (6-0, 225, So.)
OT	87	Matt Hardison (6-6, 285, Sr.)
	74	Doug Bond (6-3, 280, RS Fr.)
OG	69	Chris Akin (6-2, 290, Jr.)
	66	Corey Curtis (6-5, 285, So.)
C	56	Ben Buie (6-2, 310, Jr.)
	63	Bryon Machado (6-2, 280, So.)
OG	76	Sam Mayes (6-4, 305, Jr.)
	64	Jon Cruz (6-5, 350, RS Fr.)
OT	78	Kellen Davis (6-5, 280, So.)
	73	Doug Koenig (6-4, 295, Sr.)
TE	86	Billy Bajema (6-5, 255, Jr.)
	80	Charlie Johnson (6-4, 280, So.)
WR	82	Rashaun Woods (6-2, 195, Sr.)
	81	Kenneth Williams (6-4, 200, So.)
WR	84	D'Juan Woods (6-2, 200, RS Fr.)
	85	John Wohlgemuth (6-2, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	45	Greg Richmond (6-2, 245, Sr.)
	50	Darnell Smith (6-2, 245, RS Fr.)
DT	96	Clay Coe (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	98	Mike Williams (6-0, 300, Sr.)
NG	83	Kyle Hix (6-5, 290, So.)
	94	Marcus Craig (5-11, 300, Jr.)
DE	91	Antonio Smith (6-3, 270, Jr.)
	95	Khreem Smith (6-4, 260, Sr.)
LB	12	Paul Duren (6-1, 240, So.)
	44	Pagitte McGee (6-1, 230, So.)
LB	99	Lawrence Pinson (6-2, 245, So.)
	48	Glenn Jackson (6-1, 220, RS Fr.)
CB	9	Darrent Williams (5-9, 175, Jr.)
	25	Andre Johnson (5-10, 190, So.)
CB	6	Robert Jones (6-0, 190, So.)
	28	Daniel McLemore (5-7, 160, So.)
S	10	Thomas Wright (5-11, 185, So.)
	14	Chase Holland (6-0, 205, So.)
S	20	Vernon Grant (5-10, 185, So.)
	2	Fath' Carter (6-2, 220, Sr.)
S	3	Elbert Craig (6-1, 210, Sr.)
	35	Jamar Ransom (5-11, 210, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	27	Luke Phillips (6-0, 170, Sr.)
	4	Brent Baisden (6-1, 170, Sr.)
P	18	Cole Farden (5-11, 210, Jr.)
	15	Sky Rylant (5-11, 215, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Lewis Stadium
Capacity: 50,614
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Les Miles, 3rd Year
Record: 12-12
Career Record: 12-12

ASST. COACHES
Mike Gundy (assist. head coach/off. coord.), **Bill Clay** (def. coord./LBs), **Chuck Moeller** (OL), **Karl Dunbar** (DL), **Todd Monken** (WRs), **Joe DeForest** (special teams/CBs), **Larry Porter** (RBs), **Doug Mallory** (secondary), **Josh Henson** (TEs/recruit. coord.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 4

Texas A&M AGGIES

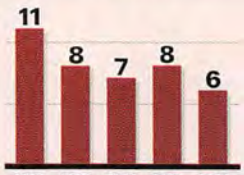
2002 Record: 6-6 Overall, 3-5 BIG 12

Official athletic Web site: www.aggieathletics.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Arkansas State		
S.6	Utah		
S.18	@ Virginia Tech	L	3-13
S.27	Pittsburgh	W	14-12
O.4	@ Texas Tech	L	47-48
O.11	Baylor	W	41-0
O.18	@ Nebraska	L	31-38
O.25	Oklahoma State	L	23-28
N.1	Kansas	W	47-22
N.8	@ Oklahoma	W	30-26
N.15	@ Missouri	L (OT)	27-33
N.28	Texas	L	20-50

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/20

OFFENSE

QB	18	Dustin Long (6-3, 205, Jr.)
	16	Reggie McNeal (6-2, 191, So.)
FB	34	Keith Joseph (6-2, 241, Jr.)
	40	Thomas Perry (6-1, 234, Sr.)
TB	1	Derek Farmer (5-11, 202, Jr.)
	25	Courtney Lewis (5-10, 187, Fr.)
OT	73	Alan Reuber (6-7, 310, Sr.)
	67	Alex Kotzur (6-4, 284, Fr.)
OG	76	Aldo De La Garza (6-3, 317, So.)
	71	Quentin Holman (6-1, 327, So.)
C	66	Geoff Hangartner (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	54	James Milkavich (6-2, 274, Sr.)
OG	50	John Kirk (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	65	Andre Brooks (6-4, 304, Sr.)
OT	75	Jami Hightower (6-4, 327, Jr.)
	74	Dominique Steamer (6-4, 313, So.)
TE	96	Ryan White (6-4, 239, So.)
	85	Taylor Schuster (6-5, 260, Fr.)
WR	83	Tim Van Zant (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	2	Jamaar Taylor (6-1, 194, Sr.)
WR	8	John Roberson (5-8, 174, So.)
	30	Nick Rhodes (6-1, 202, Fr.)
WR	5	Terrence Murphy (6-1, 191, Jr.)
	15	Anthony Wright (6-2, 207, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	99	David Ross (6-2, 268, Fr.)
	56	Brandon Johnson (6-1, 244, Jr.)
DT	60	Johnny Jolly (6-3, 287, So.)
	95	Marques Thornton (6-1, 274, Fr.)
DT	59	Brian Patrick (6-5, 293, So.)
	93	Julian "Ju" Parks (6-1, 356, Fr.)
DE	88	Linnis Smith (6-4, 288, Sr.)
	90	Lawrence Hooper (6-4, 281, So.)
LB	41	Archie McDaniel (6-1, 227, So.)
	58	Blake Kendrick (6-1, 217, Jr.)
LB	45	Jared Morris (6-3, 256, Sr.)
	97	Scott Stickane (6-0, 234, Sr.)
LB	49	Nurahda Manning (6-2, 230, So.)
	55	Randall Webb (6-3, 224, Jr.)
CB	31	Sean Weston (5-10, 180, Sr.)
	23	Ronald Jones (5-10, 179, So.)
CB	11	Byron Jones (5-10, 178, Jr.)
	6	Bryant Singleton (5-11, 187, So.)
FS	19	Jaxson Appel (5-10, 196, So.)
	40	Kevin Mangum (5-11, 191, Jr.)
SS	33	Keelan Jackson (6-1, 219, Jr.)
	35	Anthony Squillante (6-0, 207, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	13	Todd Pegram (5-11, 190, So.)
	29	Layne Neumann (5-11, 171, Fr.)
P	20	Cody Scates (6-0, 182, Sr.)
	30	Jacob Young (6-0, 196, Jr.)

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Reggie McNeal, QB

The new 'Fran-chise' hinges on finding a good quarterback and defensive line

Alabama couldn't believe it. Dennis Franchione left the storied Crimson Tide to take over at Aggieland. And the Crimson Tide didn't want to compare this move with the time Bear Bryant left College Station for Tusculoosa. Different era.

The Aggies got their man and raised ticket prices. Season passes will cost $110 more than last year, while students will pay $55 more. Tickets for the Texas game: $75.

Will the Aggies be worth the highest ticket prices in the Big 12? Franchione's track record is an improvement out of the box, and the Aggies desperately seek to improve on last year's 6-6 overall mark and 3-5 league record.

Franchione has a decision to make at quarterback. Does he go with Reggie McNeal, who engineered the Aggies' stirring upset of Oklahoma, or with Dustin Long, the gunslinger who threw for a league-record six touchdown passes against Texas Tech?

One person not in the running is Jason Carter, who has been switched to the position Franchione calls "A" back. Carter will line up in different backfield positions to take advantage of his speed. In the spring game, he gained 181 total yards. At Alabama, Shaud Williams played the position.

The Aggies are deep in wide receivers with Terrence Murphy, Anthony Wright and Tim Van Zant and thin on tight ends. At tailback, Courtney Lewis was a nice surprise in the spring and will battle Derek Farmer.

The Aggies have to replace their guards, but they have one of the Big 12's top centers in Geoff Hangartner and one of the top tackles in Jami Hightower.

Gone is the 3-4 formation that turned A&M's defense into the "Wrecking Crew." Franchione prefers the 4-3, and one more interior lineman.

"I don't think our fans care how we stop them as long as we stop them," Franchione says.

The new alignment brings to A&M something fans haven't seen for 20 years: a middle linebacker. That duty falls to senior Jared Morris, a solid performer who will be flanked by Archie McDaniel and Nurahda Manning.

Newcomers will be needed along the defensive line. Two players have been switched: tackle Brian Patrick from offensive tackle and end Brandon Johnson from linebacker. A&M will miss cornerback Sammy Davis but the secondary should be the least of the Aggies' defensive worries.

The Aggies' kicking game is in great shape with punter Cody Scates, who ranked seventh in the nation last year (43.7-yard average) and placekicker Todd Pegram.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Kyle Field
Capacity: 82,600
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Dennis Franchione, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 155-73-2

ASST. COACHES
Les Koenning Jr. (off. coord./QBs), **Carl Torbush** (def. coord.), **Stan Eggen** (assist. coach), **Lee Fobbs** (assist. coach), **Jim Bob Helduser** (assist. coach), **Kenith Pope** (assist. coach), **Melvin Smith** (assist. coach), **Chris Thurmond** (assist. coach), **Mark Tommerdahl** (assist. coach), **Charley North** (dir. of football oper.), **Mike Clark** (strength and conditioning)

Texas Tech RED RAIDERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 9-5 overall, 5-3 BIG 12 *(beat Clemson in the Tangerine Bowl, 55-15)*

Official athletic Web site: www.texastech.com

Gone is Kliff Kingsbury and his bushel of NCAA, Big 12 and schools passing records. But also gone is about half the Red Raider staff.

The San Francisco 49ers hired associated head coach Greg McMackin. The University of Houston hired running backs coach Art Briles as its head coach and defensive line coach Ron Harris came with him. Southwest Texas State hired special-teams coordinator Manny Matsakis as its head coach.

Head coach Mike Leach filled the coaching holes, but can he do the same at quarterback? Among Kingsbury's NCAA records: career completions (1,231) and attempts (1,883). Kingsbury ended his career with a 375-yard performance in a thumping of Clemson in the Tangerine Bowl.

The successor will be B.J. Symons, a two-year reserve. In the spring he picked up where Kingsbury left off by completing 19 of 24 passes for 218 yards and no interceptions. Symons will have one of the Big 12's top receivers in back Wes Welker at his disposal.

Tech is rebuilding its lines. All-league offensive lineman Rex Richards is gone but E.J. Whitley and Daniel Loper anchor what should a unit strong enough to keep the offense rolling.

The focus of improvement is on the defense, which yielded more than 400 yards per game. Too often the Red Raiders got in scoring matches, sometimes with success, such as the one at Texas A&M, and sometimes not, such as the game at home against North Carolina State.

There's little depth on the defensive line, although Adell Duckett figures to replace all-league end Aaron Hunt as Tech's top sack threat.

Mickey Peters, WR

MICHAEL MONTES

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	SMU
S.6	New Mexico
S.20	@ N.C. State
S.27	@ Mississippi
O.4	Texas A&M
O.11	Iowa State
O.18	@ Oklahoma State
O.25	at Missouri
N.1	Colorado
N.8	@ Baylor
N.15	@ Texas
N.22	Oklahoma

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/19

OFFENSE

QB	2	B.J. Symons (6-2, 215, Sr.)
FB	19	Taurean Henderson (5-10, 190, Sr.)
RB	27	Wes Welker (5-9, 190, Sr.)
OT	60	Daniel Loper (6-7, 325, Jr.)
OG	64	Cody Campbell (6-4, 315, Jr.)
C	66	Toby Cecil (6-4, 290, Sr.)
OG	63	Manuel Ramirez (6-3, 310, Fr.)
OT	75	E.J. Whitley (6-6, 310, So.)
WR	86	Mickey Peters (6-3, 211, Sr.)
WR	82	Carlos Francis (5-10, 197, Sr.)
WR	6	Nehemiah Glover (5-8, 174, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	88	Seth Nitschmann (6-3, 250, Fr.)
NT	93	Chris Hudler (6-2, 296, Fr.)
DT	99	Ken Scott (6-2, 295, Fr.)
DE	91	Adell Duckett (6-4, 261, Jr.)
LB	46	Mike Smith (6-2, 235, Jr.)
LB	45	Brock Stratton (5-11, 225, Fr.)
LB	5	John Saldi (6-5, 215, Fr.)
CB	9	Ivory McCann (5-8, 176, Jr.)
CB	11	Marcus Boyd (6-0, 198, Sr.)
FS	1	Vincent Meeks (5-11, 187, So.)
SS	28	Ryan Aycock (6-0, 208, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	Ryan Bishop (5-8, 195, Jr.)
P	98	Wich Brenner (5-11, 222, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Jones SBC Stadium
Capacity: 55,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Mike Leach, 4th Year
Record: 23-16
Career Record: 23-16

Baylor BEARS

CONFERENCE RANK: 6

2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 1-7 BIG 12

Official athletic Web site: www.baylorbears.com

It looked like Guy Morriss had it going at Kentucky. After finishing 2-9 in his first season in 2001, Morriss turned in a 7-5 mark last year. The Wildcats lost by four to South Carolina, by seven to Florida and by three to LSU on that remarkable final play.

So why give up a program on the rise for a program at the bottom?

It's home. Morriss is Texas born and bred, a native of Colorado City and was an offensive lineman at TCU. But make no mistake, Morriss walks into what might be the most difficult task in Division I-A. In the Big 12 South he's competing against not only perennial powers Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M, but also Texas Tech has become a bowl regular and Oklahoma State is on the rise.

"Our priority is to lay a long-term foundation," Morriss says.

A short-term priority will be to post a record better than last year's 3-9. The Bears opened the season by giving up 70 points to California and ended by surrendering 63 to Oklahoma State. In between there were victories over Samford, Tulsa and Kansas, the latter ending a 29-game losing streak in Big 12 games.

Morriss likes to throw and ideally would pass on 60 percent of the snaps from his spread attack. Quarterback Aaron Karas completed 59.8 percent of his passes for 1,792 yards. The player whose numbers figure to greatly improve this year is wide receiver Robert Quiroga. He caught 49 passes for 556 yards last fall.

Baylor surrendered 496 points a year ago, and there are plenty of concerns on defense this season. The Bears are thin at tackle, among other places. Look for sophomore safety Willie Andrews, in his first year as a starter to become an impact player.

Everything needs upgrading.

"We're not blessed with depth, and our numbers are down," Morriss says. "It's going to be an interesting year."

Rashad Armstrong, TB

DOUG HOLLEMAN

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	UAB
S.6	@ North Texas
S.13	SMU
S.20	Sam Houston
O.4	Colorado
O.11	@ Texas A&M
O.18	@ Kansas
O.25	Texas
N.1	@ Kansas State
N.8	Texas Tech
N.15	@ Oklahoma
N.22	Oklahoma State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 34/29

OFFENSE

QB	2	Aaron Karas (6-2, 199, Jr.)
TB	32	Rashad Armstrong (5-8, 198, Sr.)
OT	74	Quintin Outland (6-5, 333, Jr.)
OG	71	Akeem Rettig (6-6, 362, RFr.)
C	76	Cedric Fields (6-4, 278, Sr.)
OG	77	Lequalan McDonald (6-5, 352, So.)
OT	79	Glen Oskin (6-5, 303, So.)
TE	44	Shane Williams (6-4, 226, Sr.)
WR	82	Robert Quiroga (6-3, 188, Sr.)
WR	3	Marques Roberts (6-2, 225, Jr.)
WR	87	John Martin (6-0, 184, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	96	Dominick Cravens (6-3, 240, Sr.)
DT	92	Michael Gray (6-3, 296, RFr.)
DT	84	Luke Groth (6-5, 266, Jr.)
DE	91	Khari Long (6-4, 254, Jr.)
LB	5	John Garrett (6-2, 253, Sr.)
LB	58	Michael Tolbert (6-0, 245, Jr.)
CB	4	Tyson Hampton (6-0, 193, Jr.)
CB	23	Matt Johnson (5-10, 173, Sr.)
FS	21	Maurice Lane (5-11, 183, So.)
S	18	Willie Andrews (5-10, 186, So.)
S	33	Derrick Cash (6-0, 216, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	15	Adam Tomlinson (6-1, 212, So.)
P	19	Jeremy Parker (5-9, 162, So.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Floyd Casey Stadium
Capacity: 50,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Guy Morriss, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 9-14

CONFERENCE USA *Predicted order of finish:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Frog fever will continue to stay hot at the top of maturing league as Patterson shows he's big-time

By ERIC CRAWFORD
The (Louisville) Courier-Journal

If there can be such a thing as an "old guard" in a conference that's only seven years old, it bit the dust last season in Conference USA.

Louisville's high preseason hopes for a third straight conference title and more went up in smoke as the Cardinals lost four of their last seven games, after which they lost their coach, John L. Smith, to Michigan State.

Longtime league bully Southern Mississippi lost four of its last six. East Carolina lost eight games and another longtime coach, Steve Logan, who was let go at the end of the season.

In their place came relative newcomer TCU, which won a share of the league championship in just its second season as a member, and Cincinnati, which finally got a piece of its first C-USA championship after three straight second-place finishes.

After that shake-up, and the addition of new league member South Florida for this season, C-USA may be more wide-open than ever.

Tulane got things turned around and went to a bowl game last season. South Florida figures to contend right away. Louisville and East Carolina have new coaches who inherit some talent, and Southern Miss has perhaps the league's best defense.

The teams with the top two returning quarterbacks, however, could be the two to beat. TCU and Cincinnati have an offensive head start on their competition, but even they have question marks.

"We saw a lot of parity last season and I think you're going to see it again," Cincinnati coach Rick Minter says. "Top to bottom, the league has improved every year. Now there's less of a gap from one to six, and the bottom half of the standings has teams that can beat you. I wouldn't want to have to pick a winner right now. I think it's going to come down to whose players work the hardest over the summer, and which teams can fill some of the holes they have."

Games to watch

Louisville at South Florida, Oct. 4
The Bulls' first-ever home conference game could indicate which of these teams will be a contender.

Louisville at TCU, Nov. 6
The Horned Frogs have two straight blowout wins over Louisville in this fast-escalating C-USA rivalry.

TCU at Southern Miss, Nov. 20
Frogs invade "The Rock" in a game that could be for the title.

ALL-CONFERENCE USA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Gino Guidugli**, jr., Cincinnati
WR—**Brandon Middleton**, sr., Houston
WR—**Chris Johnson**, jr., Southern Miss
RB—**Lonta Hobbs**, so., TCU
RB—**Mewelde Moore**, sr., Tulane
TE—**Ronnie Ghent**, sr. Louisville
OL—**Brian Rimpf**, sr., East Carolina
OL—**Rex Hadnot**, jr., Houston
OL—**Jim Hicks**, sr., Southern Miss
OL—**Chase Johnson**, jr., TCU
OL—**Travis Leffew**, so., Louisville
PK—**Nick Browne**, sr., TCU

DEFENSE

DL—**Bo Schobel**, sr., TCU
DL—**Chad Pugh**, sr., TCU
DL—**Terrell Paul**, sr., Southern Miss
DL—**Kade Lane**, so., Houston
LB—**Rod Davis**, sr., Southern Miss
LB—**Michael Boley**, sr., Southern Miss
LB—**Zac Woodfin**, jr., UAB
DB—**Etric Pruitt**, sr., Southern Miss
DB—**J.R. Reed**, sr., South Florida
DB—**Greg Brooks**, sr., Southern Miss
DB—**Marvin Godbolt**, jr., TCU
P—**Jimmy McClary**, sr., Houston

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Broderick Clark**, WR/KR, Louisville
Best hands: **Chris Johnson**, WR, Southern Miss
Best passing QB: **Gino Guidugli**, Cincinnati
Best option QB: **Darrell Hackney**, UAB
Most elusive RB: **Lonta Hobbs**, TCU
Best instincts: **Rod Davis**, LB, Southern Miss
Best athlete: **Joshua Tinch**, WR, Louisville
Best under pressure: **Gino Guidugli**, QB, Cincinnati
Top NFL prospect: **Rod Davis**, LB, Southern Miss
Top impact freshman: **Michael Bush**, QB, Louisville
Hardest hitter: **Rod Davis**, LB, Southern Miss

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Gary Patterson**, TCU
Best recruiter: **Jeff Bower**, Southern Miss
Coach on the spot: **Todd Berry**, Army

Don't be surprised if ...

Louisville leads the conference in rushing.

One man's opinion

"I don't know how you can have a schedule where Louisville doesn't play Southern Miss. It's been one of the best rivalries in the league, and is almost always picked up by national TV. I think you have to play that game every year."

—Louisville coach Bobby Petrino on Southern Miss and Louisville not playing this season because of a quirk in the C-USA schedule

Rating the recruits

1. Louisville
Despite a late start, Petrino comes up big in the South and lands All-American QB Michael Bush.

2. South Florida
Leavitt has the most fertile recruiting soil in the league; every signee is from Florida.

3. UAB
Geography also helped the Blazers, who landed Russellville (Ala.) QB Jake Tompkins

4. Houston
RB Anthony Alridge heads a strong Texas-based class.

5. TCU
Quarterback James Battle is a future star.

6. Memphis
Tommy West lured LB Quinton McCrary out of Mississippi to head up this class.

7. Southern Miss
Not one of Jeff Bower's best groups.

8. Tulane
Louisiana star kicker Barrett Pepper may be best of group.

9. Cincinnati
Rick Minter has specialized in developing the overlooked prospect.

10. East Carolina
New coach John Thompson made the most of a late start and a difficult situation.

11. Army
Army doesn't release lists of recruits.

Texas Christian
HORNED FROGS

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

2002 Record: 10-2 overall, 6-2 C-USA *(beat Colorado State in the Liberty Bowl, 17-3)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gofrogs.com

Patterson and Frogs look to reinforce their newfound status as C-USA's big dog

In its first season in C-USA, TCU coach Gary Patterson said the Horned Frogs needed to "learn who to hate." In year No. 2 last season, they not only learned whom to hate, but how to beat them.

Here's how good TCU was last season. It had C-USA's best running back in Lonta Hobbs, who rushed for 1,029 yards as a freshman. Its redshirt-freshman quarterback, Tye Gunn, not only has a name most QBs would die for but was playing the best of any quarterback in the league when he went down with a knee injury in the eighth game of the season.

Gunn was 4-0 as a starter and the team was averaging 40.5 points per game with him at the helm. Despite losing Gunn, the Frogs still finished 10-2 and, for good measure, led the nation in total defense for the second time in three years, giving up just 240.3 yards per game.

Patterson has to replace five starters from that defense and all but four starters on his offense, but he's optimistic. Because the TCU system regularly rotates two players at most positions, Patterson rarely is forced to call on untested replacements. A case in point: neither Gunn nor Hobbs was a starter at the beginning of last season.

He estimates that he actually has nine players with significant experience back on defense and seven on offense.

The Frogs figure to be stingy once again on defense with a seasoned defensive line returning behind seniors Bo Schobel and Robert Pollard. Patterson's challenge will be to fill holes in the secondary.

On offense, Gunn was held out of contact work during the spring and is expected to be back for the fall, but Patterson was thrilled with the play of junior QB Brandon Hassell, who solidified his spot as the backup. Patterson also was happy with the work of several young running backs, particularly redshirt freshman Robert Merrill.

Cory Rodgers, a converted quarterback, led a young corps of wideouts in the spring.

"The key for us is how much we grow up at the wide receiver and corner and safety positions," Patterson says. "Our overall team speed should be good and we should be strong on the defensive line. … Our skill people may be as good as we've had since I've been here, and I think our young receivers improved in the spring. Whether we are a Top 25 team or not remains to be seen. But I think we have the capabilities to be that good."

For a second straight year, TCU faces an early and difficult conference road game to open its schedule. Last year, the Horned Frogs lost at Cincinnati in the final minutes. This season, they must play at Tulane. Otherwise, the schedule is manageable for a team as good as TCU is expected to be. The Frogs get Louisville and Cincinnati at home, where they are 19-3 since 1999. Their toughest road trips are to Southern Miss and South Florida.

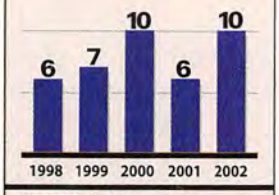
Corey Connally, *FB*

CHUCK RYDLEWSKI

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.1	@ Tulane	W	17-10
S.6	Navy		
S.20	Vanderbilt		
S.27	@ Arizona		
O.4	Army	W	46-27
O.10	@ South Florida		
O.18	UAB		
O.25	@ Houston	W	34-17
N.4	Louisville	W	45-31
N.15	Cincinnati	L (OT)	36-39
N.20	@ Southern Miss	W	37-7
N.29	@ SMU	W	17-6

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 35/24

OFFENSE		
QB	15	Tye Gunn (6-3, 214, So.)
	7	Brandon Hassell (6-1, 199, Jr.)
FB	32	Corey Connally (5-11, 204, Sr.)
	11	Kenny Hayter (6-0, 225, Sr.)
TB	30	Lonta Hobbs (5-10, 218, So.)
	34	Ricky Madison (5-10, 200, Sr.)
OT	55	Anthony Alabi (6-6, 325, Jr.)
	72	Michael Toudouze (6-6, 310, So.)
OG	66	John Glud (6-7, 333, Sr.)
	61	Ben Angeley (6-4, 293, So.)
C	75	Chase Johnson (6-3, 310, Jr.)
	69	Stephen Culp (6-4, 306, So.)
OG	62	Shane Sims (6-3, 305, So.)
	79	Zach Bray (6-4, 313, Jr.)
OT	67	Jon Morgan (6-4, 298, Sr.)
	78	Herbert Taylor (6-4, 270, Fr.-RS)
TE	84	Cody McCarty (6-4, 259, Jr.)
	86	Stanley Moss (6-2, 251, Sr.)
WR	12	Bruce Galbert (6-4, 203, Sr.)
	17	Cory Rodgers (6-1, 186, Fr.-RS)
WR	81	Reggie Harrell (6-3, 209, Jr.)
	87	Ryan Pearson (6-3, 202, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	94	Robert Pollard (6-2, 280, Sr.)
	88	Ranorris Ray (6-3, 268, So.)
DT	87	Richard Evans (6-3, 253, Sr.)
	99	Jeremy Breedlove (6-3, 270, So.)
NT	76	Chad Pugh (6-3, 314, Sr.)
	98	Brandon Johnson (6-3, 305, Jr.)
DE	21	Bo Schobel (6-5, 268, Sr.)
	96	Andrew Calovich (6-1, 223, Jr.)
LB	50	Martin Patterson (6-2, 227, Jr.)
	53	Shawn Brooks (6-0, 200, So.)
LB	51	Josh Goolsby (6-2, 233, Sr.)
	40	Devon Davis (6-1, 238, Sr.)
CB	31	Mark Walker (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	25	Eric Buchanan (5-10, 194, Fr.-RS)
CB	4	Tyrone Sanders (5-10, 173, Sr.)
	14	Jerome Braziel (5-11, 175, Jr.)
WS	23	Marvin Godbolt (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	24	Kenny Boyd (6-1, 213, Jr.)
FS	28	Jeremy Modkins (6-1, 187, So.)
	20	Chris Peoples (6-2, 174, Jr.)
SS	18	Brandon Williams (6-3, 193, Sr.)
	29	Flander Malone (5-11, 199, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	9	Nick Browne (5-10, 172, Sr.)
	41	Mike Wynn (5-10, 203, So.)
P	6	John Braziel (6-3, 211, Jr.)
	12	Reeves Dalton (6-0, 190, So.)

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Amon G. Carter Stadium **Capacity:** 46,000 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Gary Patterson,** 3rd Year **Record:** 16-8 **Career Record:** 16-8	**Jarrett Anderson** (WRs), **David Bailiff** (def. coord./DL), **Willie Mack Garza** (CBs), **Chad Glasgow** (safeties), **Kyle Nystrom** (LBs), **Mike Schultz** (off. coord./RBs), **Dan Sharp** (TEs/special teams), **Mike Sinquefield** (dir. of football oper.), **Don Sommer** (strength and cond.), **Eddie Williamson** (assist. head coach/OL), **Dick Winder** (QBs)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 2

Southern Mississippi
GOLDEN EAGLES

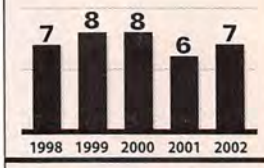
2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 5-3 C-USA *(lost to Oklahoma State in the Houston Bowl, 33-23)*

Official athletic Web site: www.southernmiss.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ California		
S.4	@ UAB	W	20-13
S.13	Memphis	W	33-14
S.25	Nebraska		
O.4	@ Cincinnati	W	23-14
O.25	South Florida	L	13-16
N.1	Louisiana-Lafayette		
N.8	@ Houston		
N.15	Tulane	L	10-31
N.20	TCU	L	7-37
N.29	@ East Carolina	W	24-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/21

OFFENSE

QB	7	Micky D'Angelo (6-3, 215, r-Jr.)
	9	Dustin Almond (6-2, 211, r-So)
FB	22	Steel Adams (6-2, 225, So.)
	3	Anthony Harris (5-11, 216, r-So.)
RB	11	James Walley (5-10, 196, Jr.)
	3	Anthony Harris (5-11, 216, r-So.)
OT	65	Neal Mead (6-4, 310, r-So.)
	72	Myron Powe (6-4, 298, r-Jr.)
OG	61	Travis Cooley (6-3, 271, r-Fr.)
	71	Bradley Worthington (6-4, 295, r-So.)
C	68	Jim Hicks (6-4, 285, r-Sr.)
	67	Addaryl Edwards (6-3, 280, r-Jr.)
OG	62	Chris White (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	69	Ben Culp (6-5, 302, r-Jr.)
OT	77	Jeremy Parquet (6-7, 312, r-Jr.)
	64	George Batiste (6-5, 283, r-Fr.)
TE	35	Terrell Browden (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	37	Otho Graves (6-5, 260, r-Jr.)
WR	83	Chris Johnson (5-10, 173, Jr.)
	11	Pedi Causey (6-3, 221, r-Fr.)
WR	89	Antwon Courington (6-3, 210, So.)
	19	Rocky Harrison (6-1, 205, r-So.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Ronald Jones (6-3, 265, Sr.)
	50	Akeem Lockett (6-2, 235, So.)
NT	95	Terrance Ford (6-4, 280, So.)
	58	Jared Parten (6-2, 257r-Fr.)
DT	92	Eric Scott (6-0, 302, Jr.)
	93	Greg Casnave (6-3, 281, r-Fr.)
BAN	91	Terrell Paul (6-3, 241, r-Sr.)
	40	LeVon Pears (6-0, 248, r-Jr.)
LB	27	Michael Boley (6-3, 218, r-Jr.)
	45	Kevis Coley (6-1, 218, r-So.)
LB	24	Rod Davis (6-3, 245, r-Sr.)
	51	Dillon Cleckler (6-2, 230, r-Jr.)
LB	42	Antoine Cash (6-1, 208, r-Jr.)
	41	Carsha Stromas (6-2, 209, r-Jr.)
CB	5	Greg Brooks (5-11, 175, r-Sr.)
	15	Seth Cumbie (5-11, 180, r-Jr.)
CB	1	John Eubanks (5-11, 175, r-Fr.)
	21	Jasper Faulk)5-10, 182, r-Fr.)
S	14	Alex Ray (5-11, 203, r-Sr.)
	12	Darrell Bennett (6-0, 206, Jr.)
S	28	Etric Pruitt (6-1, 188, r-Sr.)
	18	Trevis Coley (6-1, 220, r-So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	87	Jacob Matlock (6-0, 224, Sr.)
	31	Brad Langley (5-6, 160, Fr.)
P	17	Luke Johnson (6-0, 250, r-So.)
	17	Neal Schmidt (6-2, 199, r-Fr.

If offense can keep pace with defense and All-America LB Davis, Eagles could soar

Another year, another new offense for Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower.

It seems that the Golden Eagles have been searching for some offensive ignition for the past three seasons, but they've yet to hit on the right combination. This year, former Memphis head coach Rip Scherer is the man pulling the strings on a revamped offense, but it may not be until fall that the team can put it all together.

Bower has only five returning starters on offense—two wideouts, two linemen and junior quarterback Micky D'Angelo.

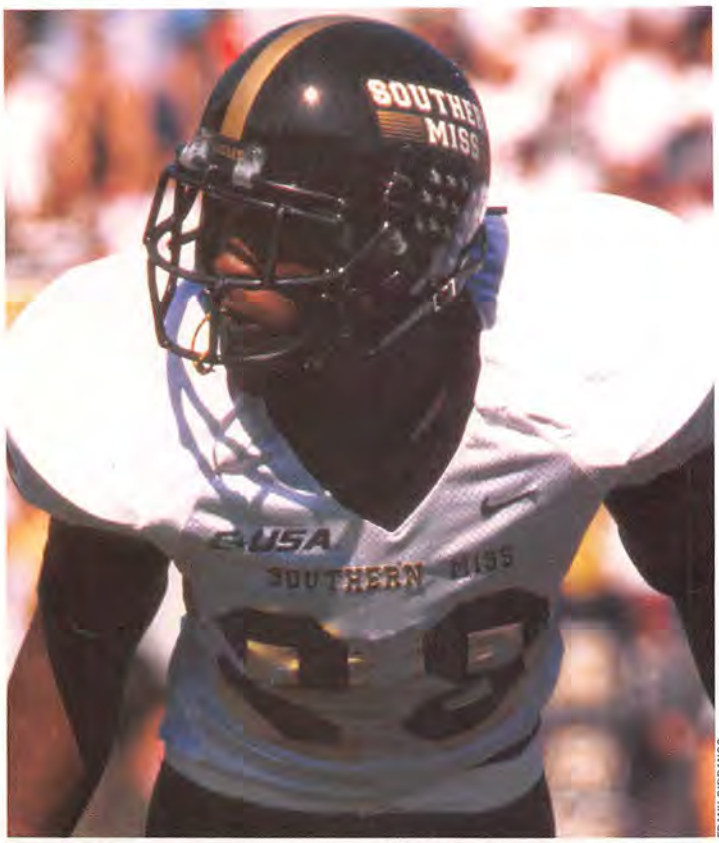
But that's not necessarily a bad thing for a team that struggled moving the ball last season. And the defense is good enough to make Southern Miss a contender.

The coaches and players—even the defensive players—were upbeat about the team's offensive progress in the spring. But everyone allows that there's a long way to go.

Bower must settle on a No. 1 running back. Junior James Walley came out of spring practice at No. 1, but was slowed by some back problems. Inexperience up front may only be cured with time.

Despite a revamped offense, Bower didn't emerge from the team's spring game sounding like a man ready to open things up on offense.

"We got in probably less than half of the offense and will have to work hard in that area in our workouts leading up to the first game," Bower said. "We also have to work on more depth in the defensive line, but I think we had a good spring defensively. Next season, we'll have to be the kind of football team that plays good defense and takes care of the football."



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Etric Pruitt, *DB*

Then again, some of the offensive struggles could be the result of having to work all spring against what could be the best defensive unit in C-USA.

Linebacker Rod Davis should be among the top defensive players in the nation as a senior. The All-American and two-time first-team All-C-USA performer led Southern Miss in tackles (168), solo tackles (122), sacks (10.5) and tackles for loss (23.5). He was ranked among the nation's best in each of the listed categories—No. 3 in solo tackles, tied for No. 6 in total tackles, tied for 13th in tackles for loss and No. 18 in sacks.

Like Davis, senior free safety Etric Pruitt is a candidate for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, given to the nation's best overall defensive player. Pruitt started all 13 games last season and was third on the team in tackles. He had six interceptions, 13 pass breakups, 1.5 sacks, seven tackles for loss, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and three blocked punts.

That talented pair is joined by three starters on the defensive line and a secondary that could be one of the best in the nation, with seniors Greg Brooks and Alex Ray joining Pruitt.

Michael Boley, a fourth-year junior at linebacker, is expected to step in alongside Davis and perform well, while Terrell Paul is an all-conference candidate at defensive end.

"We think we've got the makings of a real good defensive team," Bower says. "We just need to get some other areas to put things together."

STADIUM INFO
Name: M.M. Roberts Stadium
Capacity: 33,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Jeff Bower, 13th Year
Record: 80-58-1
Career Record: 80-58-1

ASST. COACHES
Randy Butler (assist. head coach/DL), **Shelton Gandy** (RBs), **Jay Hopson** (DBs), **Jay Johnson** (TEs), **Tyrone Nix** (def. coord./ILBs), **Lytrel Pollard** (OLBs), **Mitch Rodrigue** (OL), **Rip Scherer** (off. coord./QBs), **David Warner** (WRs), **Charlie Dudley Jr.** (strength coach)

Louisville CARDINALS

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: **7-6 overall, 5-3 C-USA** *(lost to Marshall in the GMAC bowl, 38-15)*

Official athletic Web site: www.uoflsports.com

A new coach and new quarterback could mean a step back for U of L Cardinals

Everything you knew about Louisville you'd do well to forget.

This season, everything is new. Bobby Petrino, who was an offensive coordinator at Auburn and for the Jacksonville Jaguars in his past two jobs, now is in his first head-coaching job in Louisville.

The Cardinals have flashy new uniforms. They'll be playing on a new artificial surface, with a new offense.

But most of all, the personnel on the field will be new. Whether it will be improved, however, is a major question.

There's little doubt the Cardinals should be able to move the ball, even though they'll have to replace three-time Conference USA Offensive-Player-of-the-Year Dave Ragone at quarterback.

Who will replace him still is open to debate. Junior Stefan LeFors moved the team effectively in the spring. Redshirt freshman Justin Rascati is a gifted natural passer. And the wild card could be true freshman Michael Bush, a prep All-American from Male High School in Louisville who chose the Cardinals over Ohio State for an opportunity to play right away at QB.

Regardless of who is at quarterback, he should have an improved line in front of him, if only because most of the returning linemen are a year older. All but one player on the starting line has starting experience.

Gone is the one-back set used by departed U of L coach John L. Smith, now the head man at Michigan State, and in its place is a two-back alignment that will feature Florida State transfer Eric Shelton at running back. Another prep All-American, Shelton is expected to give the Cards the kind of ground game they haven't had in several years. Junior Lionel Gates has been impressive running the ball alongside Shelton, though Petrino is still searching for a solid fullback, since the position has been nearly nonexistent at the school for five years.

The Cardinal wideouts are young but the group has depth. Juniors J.R. Russell and Antoine Harris have been the most impressive, while senior Dontay Spillman hopes to return from off-the-field problems to make a difference. Joshua Tinch, who also playes for Rick Pitino's basketball team, is a big target who is becoming more of a weapon.

On defense, Petrino must replace U of L' s all-time sack leader, Dewayne White, and all-time interceptions leader, Anthony Floyd at safety, along with starting safety Curry Burns, middle linebacker Chad Lee, four-year starting linebacker Michael Brown and three starters on the line.

Petrino is installing a defensive scheme built around multiple zone blitzes and predicated on speed, but the Cards will enter the season untested and may have to rely on a high-scoring offense early on.

Special teams should remain a strength. Sophomore Broderick Clark was one of the nation's top kick returners last season and linebacker Brandon Johnson set a school record with three blocked punts.

Because of Petrino's offensive creativity, and because of an excellent recruiting class that could provide some defensive help by midseason, Louisville should be in the hunt. But the schedule could be an obstacle. The Cardinals must travel to South Florida, East Carolina, TCU and Cincinnati, four of the toughest stops in the league.

Broderick Clark, *WR*

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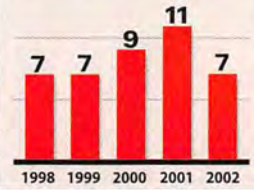
2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.31	@ Kentucky	L	17-22
S.13	@ Syracuse		
S.20	UTEP		
S.27	Temple		
O.4	@ South Florida		
O.11	Army	W	45-14
O.18	Tulane		
O.25	@ East Carolina	W	44-20
N.8	@ TCU	L	31-45
N.15	Memphis	W	38-32
N.22	Houston	L	10-27
N.29	@ Cincinnati	L	14-24

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 41/16

OFFENSE

QB	17	Stefan LeFors (6-0, 200, Jr.)
	7	Justin Rascati (6-2, 215, Fr.)
FB	41	D.J. Kamer (5-9, 230, Sr.)
RB	32	Eric Shelton (6-3, 245, So.)
LB	23	Lionel Gates (6-0, 200, Jr.)
	32	Eric Shelton (6-3, 245, So.)
OT	78	Travis Leffew (6-4, 289, So.)
	75	Bubba Marshall (6-4, 293, So.)
OG	59	Jason Spitz (6-4, 300, So.)
	60	Chad Pinkston (6-0, 306, Sr.)
C	68	Dan Koons (6-4, 286, Sr.)
	53	Michael Sturgeon (6-4, 283, Fr.)
OG	66	Jerry Spencer (6-2, 302, Sr.)
	71	P.J. Tavarczky (6-3, 290, Fr.)
OT	69	Jason Hilliard (6-6, 340, Sr.)
	79	Renardo Foster (6-6, 250, Fr.)
TE	86	Ronnie Ghent (6-3, 255, Sr.)
	89	Richard Owens (6-5, 275, Sr.)
WR	82	J.R. Russell (6-3, 191, Jr.)
	88	Victor Glenn (6-0, 170, Sr.)
WR	25	Antoine Harris (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	9	Joshua Tinch (6-2, 215, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Montavious Stanley (6-2, 299, So.)
	48	Bobby Leffew (6-5, 281, Jr.)
LT	93	Tyrone Saterfield (6-2, 320, Jr.)
	61	Jeremy Seguin (6-2, 276, So.)
RT	90	Scott Lopez (6-4, 280, Sr.)
	77	Brian Devine (6-4, 290, Sr.)
DE	56	Marcus Jones (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	45	Matt Sanders (6-2, 242, Fr.)
LB	97	Brandon Johnson (6-5, 210, So.)
	52	Jonathon Jackerson (6-1, 230, Jr.)
LB	54	Robert McCune (6-1, 240, Jr.)
	46	John Cardoza (6-2, 235, Jr.)
LB	40	Rod Day (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	49	James Greene (6-2, 220, Sr.)
CB	42	Laroni Gallishaw (6-0, 215, Jr.)
	27	Gavin Smart (5-9, 185, Fr.)
CB	5	Josh Minkins (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	31	J.T. Haskins (5-10, 181, Sr.)
S	30	Brent Johnson (5-11, 205, So.)
	34	Ray Childs (6-0, 210, Jr.)
S	19	Kerry Rhodes (6-3, 210, Jr.)
	43	Abe Brown (6-3, 210, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	21	Richard Moore (5-9, 166, Jr.)
P	36	Wade Tydlacka (6-0, 210, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium
Capacity: 42,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Bobby Petrino, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

ASST. COACHES
Greg Nord (assist. head coach/TEs), **Paul Petrino** (off. coord.), **Mike Gillhamer** (def. coord.), **Jeff Brohm** (QBs/special teams), **Reggie Johnson** (DL), **Mike Summers** (OL), **Joel Thomas** (RBs), **Joe Whitt Jr.** (CBs), **Kevin Wolthausen** (LBs), **Tony Levine** (dir. of football oper.), **Mike Kent** (strength coach)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** **4**

Cincinnati BEARCATS

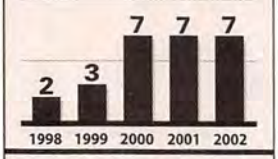
2002 Record: 7-7 overall, 6-2 C-USA *(lost to North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl, 19-24)*

Official athletic Web site: www.ucbearcats.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.1	East Carolina	W	42-26
S.13	@ West Virginia	L	32-35
S.20	Temple		
S.27	@ Miami (OH)	L	26-31
O.4	Southern Miss	L	14-23
O.11	@ UAB	W	31-23
O.25	Army		
N.1	@ South Florida		
N.8	Rhode Island		
N.15	@ TCU	W (OT)	36-29
N.22	@ Memphis	W	48-10
N.29	Louisville	W	24-14

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 10
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/21

OFFENSE

QB	8	Gino Guidugli (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	11	Billy Faulkner (6-5, 184, Fr.)
RB	34	Booker Vann (5-11, 218, Sr.)
	43	David Harris (5-10, 214, Sr.)
RB	24	Richard Hall (5-11, 200, Jr.)
	25	Tedric Harwell (5-11, 184, Sr.)
OT	77	Clint Stickdorn (6-6, 299, Jr.)
	69	Jeremy Schlicher (6-6, 285, Jr.)
OG	75	Kyle Takavitz (6-4, 299, Jr.)
	65	Matt Mercer (6-3, 298, Jr.)
C	66	Josh Shneyderov (6-2, 272, Sr.)
	74	Joel Yakovac (6-2, 294, So.)
OG	68	Travis McGee (6-3, 301, Sr.)
	79	Adam Shorter (6-6, 286, Jr.)
OT	76	Anthony Colton (6-3, 294, Sr.)
	71	Steve Eastlake (6-6, 287, Jr.)
TE	89	A.J. Lucius (6-3, 242, Jr.)
	83	Dennis Hart (6-3, 220, Sr.)
WR	22	Derick Ross (5-10, 180, So.)
	15	Cedric Dawley (6-1, 210, Jr.)
WR	7	George Murray (6-1, 193, Jr.)
	80	Jeff Henderson (6-1, 196, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Trent Cole (6-4, 227, Jr.)
	54	Tommy Simpson (6-4, 205, Sr.)
DT	96	Ka'Son Love (6-2, 267, Sr.)
	95	Lonnie Simmons (6-3, 295, Jr.)
DT	93	Mike Wright (6-5, 267, Jr.)
	51	John Feaster (6-1, 277, Sr.)
DE	91	Andre Frazier (6-5, 213, Jr.)
	94	Adam Roberts (6-3, 242, So.)
LB	30	Jason Russell (6-2, 207, Sr.)
	40	Akanni Turner (6-1, 200, Jr.)
LB	46	Jamar Enzor (6-1, 222, Jr.)
	59	Jermaine Wilson (6-0, 209, Jr.)
LB	42	Tyjuan Hagler (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	55	Jamey Murphy (6-2, 229, Jr.)
CB	29	Zach Norton (6-0, 184, Sr.)
	33	John Bowie (5-11, 173, Fr.)
CB	18	Daven Holly (5-11, 179, Jr.)
	10	Thaddeus Lewis (5-10, 169, Sr.)
SS	45	Doug Monaghan (6-3, 210, Jr.)
	28	Jon Zwitt (5-11, 203, So.)
FS	4	Franklin Callicott (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	6	James Julian (5-11, 186, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	12	Chet Ervin (6-3, 175, So.)
P	12	Chet Ervin (6-3, 175, So.)
	13	Kyle McDaniel (6-2, 200, Jr.)

Lots missing from bowl team, but superb QB Gino Guidugli is back to stir offense

Maybe it's time to give the Bearcats and coach Rick Minter the benefit of the doubt. Back-to-back second-place finishes never seemed to diminish doubts about what the Bearcats had coming back before each of the past two seasons, and they were never picked higher than fifth in the preseason coaches' poll.

That should change this year, after Cincinnati won a piece of its first Conference USA title.

But it won't change a great deal, because Minter is facing plenty of questions again. Gone is Cincinnati's career sacks leader, Antwan Peek; its career interception leader, Blue Adams; career leading scorer, kicker Jonathan Ruffin; career receptions leader, LaDaris Vann; and its No. 2 all-time rusher, DeMarco McCleskey. But there's little reason to believe Minter won't keep finding answers, especially considering that he has one of the league's best players in junior quarterback Gino Guidugli leading the way.

Guidugli led C-USA in passing efficiency last season and will be a candidate for Offensive Player of the Year this year. He's joined in the backfield by Ohio State transfer Richard Hall at running back, but newcomers must be broken in everywhere else.

Guidugli lost his entire starting receiving corps and two offensive linemen who helped the Bearcats lead C-USA in total offense and passing offense last season.

During the spring game, it showed. The defense dominated and a green offensive line allowed seven sacks against a defensive line with some young players itself.

"It's going to take some time to work everyone into things on offense," Minter says. "But we think we've got good people over there to do the job."

After a slow start, the Cincinnati defense wound up ranked 21st nationally in total defense, and Minter has four regulars returning at linebacker to anchor that group. Junior Jamar Enzor takes over as the starter in the middle after finishing third on the team with 91 tackles last season. Senior Tyjuan Hagler is a returning starter, and five others with significant experience will compete for the remaining starting jobs and key reserve roles.

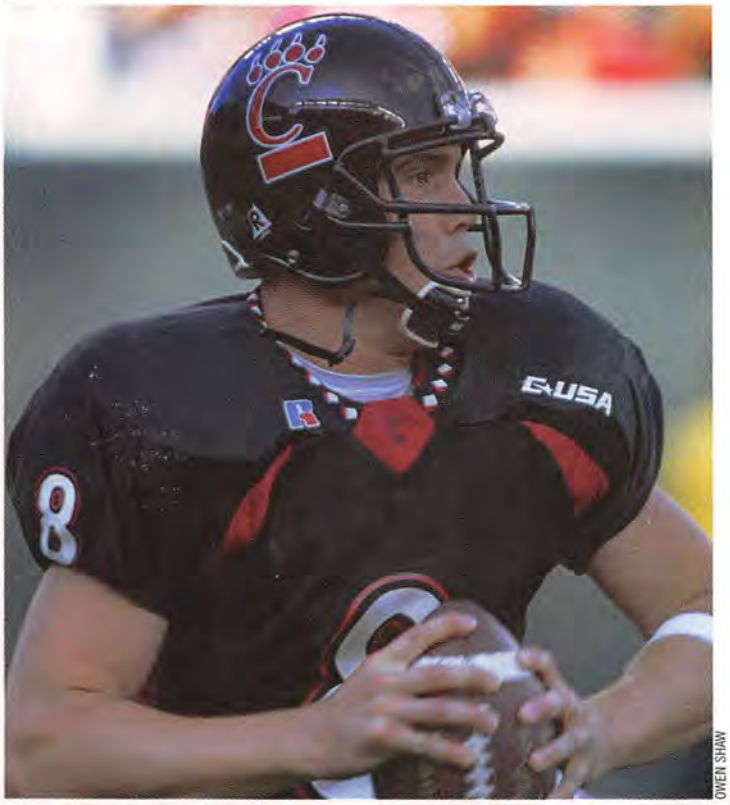
Returning starters Doug Monaghan at strong safety and Zach Norton at cornerback will lead the secondary, but Minter must find a couple of capable new starters to go with them. Daven Holly, a nickel back last season, could move into a cornerback spot, while Franklin Callicott is an experienced reserve who could step in at free safety.

With just one starter back and only two others who saw significant time last season, the defensive line is Minter's major reclamation project, and yet the group was impressive in the spring.

With Minter looking to replace the leadership of NFL Draft pick Peek, junior Trent Cole moved from tackle to defensive end and could provide some of that seasoning. Andre Frazier is a returning starter at the other end. Minter says he will settle on starters in the middle this fall.

The Cincinnati schedule brings league powers Louisville and Southern Miss to Nippert Stadium, but the Bearcats will have major tests in trips to South Florida and TCU.

Gino Guidugli, *QB*



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STADIUM INFO
Name: Nippert Stadium
Capacity: 35,000
Playing surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Rick Minter, 10th Year
Record: 48-56-1
Career record: 48-56-1

ASST. COACHES
Rusty Burns (off. coord.), **Mark Criner** (co-def. coord./LBs), **Mike Kolakowski** (co-def. coord./safeties), **Phil Dorn** (assist. head coach/RBs), **Dino Dawson** (CBs), **Jeff Filkovski** (QBs), **Ted Gill** (DL), **Scott Pethtel** (TEs/recruit. coord.), **Steve Shankweiler** (OL), **Tim Swanger** (strength coach)

South Florida BULLS

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 9-2 overall

Official athletic Web site: www.gousfbulls.com

Despite losses, Leavitt's Bulls appear armed and ready to show they belong

Had the Bulls been in C-USA last season, they might have won the league. Several of the four C-USA coaches who lost to them last season were all too happy to attest to that.

"They're going to be a factor from the start," Cincinnati coach Rick Minter says. "They really are going to make things even tougher at the top."

Bulls coach Jim Leavitt now hopes he can return his team to top form after heavy graduation losses.

"The truth is, going into Conference USA, we've now got to be better than we've ever been," he says. "So we have a lot of work to do."

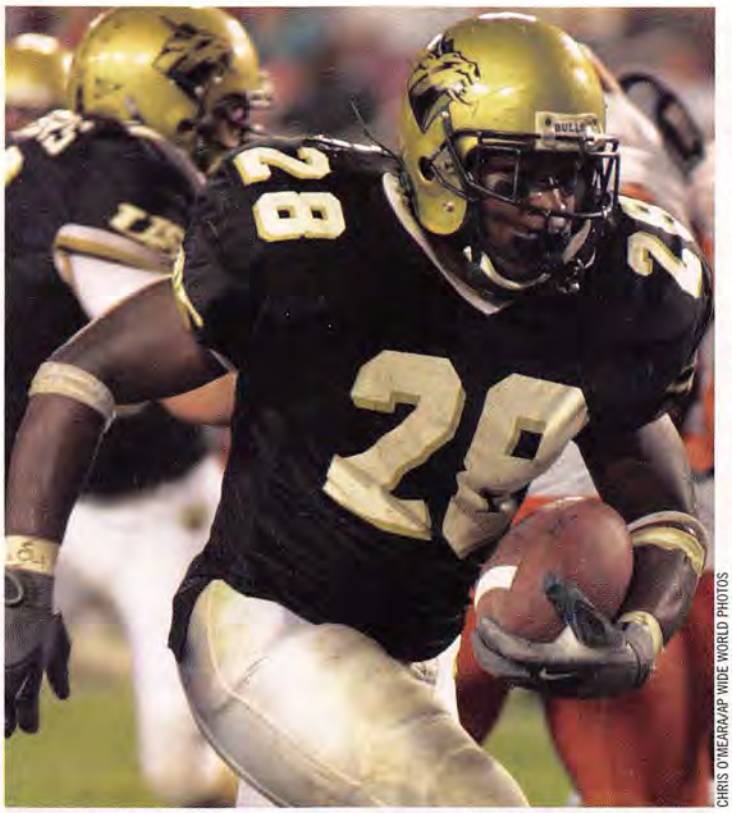
The biggest loss is at quarterback, where Marquel Blackwell was a starter for four years. Ronnie Banks, a fourth-year junior, emerged as the starter during spring practice, and brings maturity to the position, if not experience.

"I feel pretty good about Ronnie Banks," Leavitt says. "He's doing well. Obviously, our backups need work, but they're young players."

Otherwise on offense, Leavitt has four returning starters on the offensive line, along with last year's leading rusher in Clenton Crossley and the No. 2 receiver in Huey Whitaker. He'll be counting on contributions from some young backs and receivers, however.

"You never know how things are going to go when you're counting on young guys," he says. "We really like some of the players we're going to put out there, but they lack experience."

That certainly will be the case on defense, where South Florida must replace seven starters. They do bring back an outstanding free safety in J.R. Reed, a playmaker who shined in the team's spring game. He was the Bulls' No. 2 tackler with 95 last season and led them in interceptions with six.



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Clenton Crossley, RB

The entire offensive line, however, is new. Lee Roy Selmon Jr., son of South Florida's athletic director, is an interesting prospect at tackle after sitting out the past two seasons, one as a redshirt and the other with a knee injury. Junior Craig Kobel has made big strides to be the early favorite for the other starting spot on the interior. Terrence Royal was a part-time starter at defensive end and could be poised for a breakout season as a sophomore.

At linebacker, senior Maurice Jones has moved from outside to middle to replace NFL Draft pick Kawika Mitchell.

The biggest problem with being one of the nation's fastest-improving programs over the past several years has been finding opponents. The Bulls solve part of that problem by joining C-USA, but finding non-conference foes remains a challenge.

Leavitt had to get special permission to play a second game against a Division I-AA opponent just to fill a 12-game slate. A new series with cross-state rival Central Florida will help. And the Bulls will open their season at Alabama in a chance to make a major statement.

"I tell coaches that we lost a lot of guys and I really don't know how good we'll be," Leavitt says. "But they still aren't too interested."

Conference USA coaches don't seem to have much doubt over the quality of South Florida's team.

"Jim's a great coach and they're going to have talent," Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower says. "Any time you have that combination, you're talking about a tough football team."

STADIUM INFO
Name: Raymond James Stadium
Capacity: 65,000
Playing surface: Grass

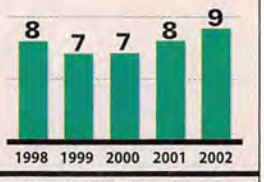
THE COACH
Jim Leavitt, 7th Year
Record: 44-22
Career record: 44-22

ASST. COACHES
Wally Burnham (co-def. coord./LBs), **Greg Frey** (OL), **Mike Hobbie** (off. coord./TEs), **Rick Kravitz** (assist. head coach/co-def. coord.), **Earl Lane** (DL), **Tom Pajic** (receivers), **Rich Rachel** (DBs), **Leroy Ryals** (RBs), **Rod Smith** (pass game coord./QBs), **Larry Antonucci** (dir. of football oper.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	vs. Alabama (@ Birmingham, AL)		
S.6	Nicholls State		
S.27	@ Army		
O.4	Louisville		
O.10	TCU		
O.25	@ Southern Miss	W	16-13
N.1	Cincinnati		
N.8	@ East Carolina	W	46-30
N.22	UAB		
N.29	@ Memphis	W	31-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 64/19

OFFENSE

QB	14	Ronnie Banks (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	17	Jean Julmiste (6-2, 220, Fr.)
RB	28	Clenton Crossley (5-10, 210, Jr.)
	2	DeJuan Green (5-11, 205, Sr.)
OT	68	Frank Davis (6-4, 310, So.)
	77	Mike Lube (6-5, 265, Fr.)
OG	65	Shelly Houston (6-3, 295, So.)
	78	Devon Small (6-3, 280, Jr.)
C	71	Alex Herron (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	61	John Miller (6-2, 265, So.)
OG	74	Chris Carothers (6-3, 290, So.)
	76	Mark Sopcik (6-4, 280, Jr.)
OT	79	Levi Newton (6-4, 205, Jr.)
	70	David Bailey (6-5, 205, Fr.)
TE	44	Mark Feldman (6-4, 245, Jr.)
	84	Will Bleakley (6-3, 230, Fr.)
WR	15	Huey Whittaker (6-5, 225, Sr.)
	8	Darren Haliburton (6-3, 205, Fr.)
WR	16	Brian Fisher (5-9, 180, Jr.)
	81	Travis Lipp (5-11, 175, So.)
WR	9	Chris Iskra (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	22	Elgin Hicks (5-11, 180, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	99	Tim Jones (6-3, 255, Jr.)
	45	Jon Simmons (6-5, 235, So.)
NT	93	Lee Roy Selmon (5-11, 280, Sr.)
	92	Howard Campbell (6-2, 275, Jr.)
DT	55	Cedric Battles (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	46	Kenny Huebner (6-3, 260, So.)
DE	56	Terrence Royal (6-3, 240, So.)
	40	Craig Kobel (6-2, 255, Jr.)
LB	6	Maurice Jones (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	51	Stephen Nicholas (6-3, 215, Fr.)
LB	51	Devon Davis (6-3, 225, So.)
	59	Vincent Capogna (5-11, 210, So.)
LB	31	Courtney Davenport (6-1, 220, Sr.)
	53	Julian Johnson (5-11, 200, Sr.)
CB	1	Sidney Simpson (5-9, 175, Jr.)
	21	Kenny Robinson (5-10, 190, Sr.)
CB	42	D'Juan Brown (5-11, 175, So.)
	4	Antonio Warren (6-1, 180, Jr.)
SS	17	Kevin Verpaele (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	27	Johnnie Jones (6-2, 195, Jr.)
FS	32	J.R. Reed (5-11, 200, Sr.)
	12	Javan Camon (6-0, 175, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	7	Santiago Gramatica (5-10, 165, Jr.)
	49	Justin Geisler (6-1, 170, Jr.)
P	47	Brandon Baker (6-2, 200, So.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

Tulane
GREEN WAVE

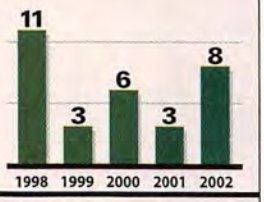
2002 Record: **8-5 overall, 4-4 C-USA** *(beat Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl, 36-28)*

Official athletic Web site: www.tulanegreenwave.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.1	TCU	L	17-10
S.6	Northwestern State		
S.13	Mississippi State		
S.20	@ Army	L	14-10
S.27	@ Texas	L	49-0
O.11	Houston	W	34-13
O.18	@ Louisville		
O.25	Memphis	L	38-10
N.1	@ Navy	W	51-30
N.8	@ UAB	W	35-14
N.15	@ Southern Miss	W	31-10
N.22	East Carolina	L	24-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/17

OFFENSE

QB	7	J.P. Losman (6-3, 215, Sr)
	2	Billy Don Malone (6-2, 190, Fr)
FB	38	Kris Coleman (6-0, 243, Sr)
	43	Quintin Jones (6-0, 215, Fr)
RB	26	Mewelde Moore (6-1, 203, Sr)
	28	Jovon Jackson (5-11, 206, So)
OT	68	Chris McGee (6-4, 265, So) o)
	51	Willie Christian (6-5, 255, So)
OG	72	Matt Traina (6-3, 267, So)
	75	Mark Burgess (6-5, 290, Fr)
C	50	Will Blaylock (6-3, 300, So)
	55	Joe Traina (6-3, 269, So)
OG	66	Donald Madlock (6-4, 300, So)
	64	Derek Rogers (6-5, 315, Fr)
OT	76	Jimmy Kosienski (6-7, 280, Jr)
	64	Derek Rogers (6-5, 315, Fr)
TE	88	Bobby Hoover (6-4, 252, Jr)
	87	Jerome Landry (6-4, 240, So)
WR	80	Chris Bush (6-1, 195, Jr)
	24	Damarcus Davis (6-0, 180, So)
WR	25	James Dunn (5-8, 172, Sr)
	1	Tristan Smith (6-0, 180, Jr)

Defense

DE	95	Michael Roberts (6-3, 245, So)
	90	Taylor Bertin (6-2, 240, Fr)
DT	81	Terrence Tarver (6-1, 270, Sr)
	93	Taurean Brown (6-6, 270, Fr)
DT	99	Wallace Mateen (6-0, 282, Jr)
	92	Michael Purcell (6-1, 305, Fr)
DE	40	Daniel Nevil (6-1, 220, Sr)
	90	Taylor Bertin (6-2, 240, Fr)
LB	41	Wesley Heath (6-0, 222, Sr)
	39	Antonio Mason (6-0, 212, So)
LB	32	Brandt Quick (6-1, 235, Sr)
	46	Blake Baker (5-10, 220, Jr)
LB	36	Anthony Cannon (6-0, 210, So)
	5	Brandon Spincer (6-2, 218, So)
CB	20	Bruce Youmans (5-10, 179, So)
	34	Jeremy Foreman (6-2, 164, Fr)
CB	31	Sean Lucas (5-11, 175, So)
	30	Darren Sapp (6-0, 185, So)
SS	23	Tra Boger (6-1, 203, Jr)
	35	Winfred Brown (5-9, 172, Sr)
FS	27	Joey Dawson (6-2, 189, Jr)
	10	Tommy Griffin, Jr. (5-11, 190, So)

SPECIALISTS

PK		Barrett Pepper (5-10, 165, Fr)
P	45	Chris Beckman (6-2, 190, Fr)

Scelfo's defense doctrine is paying off after years of old-wave offense in New Orleans

Chris Scelfo's program turned it around last season in a big way, and it happened because of improvement in an area that had been nonexistent at Tulane in the past several seasons—defense.

The Green Wave jumped from three wins in 2001 to eight in 2002 because of an opportunistic defense that scored nine touchdowns, including at least one in seven of Tulane's eight wins. Six different defensive players found the end zone, and the unit allowed nearly 20 points per game fewer than it did the season before.

That defensive improvement was all the support Tulane's typically potent offense needed to power the program to the Hawaii Bowl, where it beat host Hawaii 36-28.

"The big key to continuing our success is for our players to understand the responsibility that comes with it," Scelfo says. "The challenges get greater. People start to come at you with a little more fire."

Scelfo should have plenty of offensive firepower to fight back with. He has eight starters returning from an offense that averaged just under 28 points per game.

J.P. Losman is an experienced hand at quarterback, and he shares a backfield with Mewelde Moore, one of the top all-purpose backs in the nation. More good news could come in the receiving corps, where All-C-USA wideout Roydell Williams is expected to return after missing most of last season with a broken ankle.

The main offensive concern is on the line, where two starters must be replaced.

Defense, on the other hand, presents concerns at every turn.

Anthony Cannon returns at linebacker after recording 114 tackles, which tied for tops among the nation's freshmen last year. Every other impact defensive player, however, is gone, and Scelfo will be asking young players to step into place.

The Tulane defense wasn't the kind that slowed opponents to a halt so much as stunned them with big plays. The Green Wave gave up just over 370 yards per game. Whether the secondary can do the same this year with an inexperienced cast is a huge question.

Beyond that, Scelfo must replace all four starters on his defensive line.

"We lost a lot," Scelfo says. "But we've got a lot of young guys who want to keep things moving forward on the defensive side of the ball."

Complicating Scelfo's job was some bad luck in spring practice. Five players—including four starters—were injured and required surgery. Strong safety Tra Boger and defensive tackle Wallace Mateen missed much of spring workouts, along with offensive linemen Donald Madlock and Will Blaylock.

Mewelde Moore, *RB*

FRANK DIBRANGO

STADIUM INFO
Name: Louisiana Superdome
Capacity: 72,675
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Chris Scelfo, 5th Year
Record: 20-27
Career Record: 20-27

ASST. COACHES
Frank Scelfo (off. coord./QBs), **Eric Schumann** (def. coord.), **Trooper Taylor** (WRs), **Brad Smiley** (TEs), **Garret Chachere** (OLBs), **Joey Houston** (DBs), **Greg Davis, Jr.** (RB), **Giff Smith** (assoc. head coach/DL/recruit. coord.), **Don Mahoney** (OL), **Curtis Tsuruda** (strength and conditioning)

Memphis TIGERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 7

2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 2-6 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.gotigersgo.com

Could turnaround of Memphis Tiger defense be a (Joe Lee) Dunn deal?

When Tommy West stepped up from defensive coordinator to head coach two years ago, Memphis had one of the top defenses in the country and he figured if he could just get the offense to a respectable level, the Tigers could contend for a conference title.

The offense was more than respectable last season, scoring more points than any Memphis team since 1992, but the Tigers still missed out on a bowl trip because of defensive breakdowns during a six-game losing streak.

To rectify that problem, West brought in a big-name defensive guru in longtime Mississippi State assistant Joe Lee Dunn, whose unorthodox, aggressive scheme is expected to bring the Memphis defense back to its lofty status.

Freshman defensive back Wesley Smith emerged as a playmaker during the spring, and the Tigers have 10 starters back around him. O.C. Collins, a sophomore, was one of the team's best tacklers at safety. Linebackers Coot Terry and Greg Harper both missed time with injuries last season but with healthy returns could join second-team all-conference linebacker Derrick Ballard to form one of the league's best linebacking corps.

"We've got some experience over there, but they're learning a new system, so it's going to take some time to come around," West says.

And so, in the opposite of what Tiger fans have come to expect in recent years, Memphis may be relying on its offense early this season.

There's some good news in that, because junior quarterback Danny Wimprine has emerged as a quality passer and, in fact, needs only 163 more yards to become the leading passer in school history.

"We threw the ball pretty well in the spring," West says. "Danny is solid. His decision-making is good and he's comfortable with the offense."

In 10 games as a true freshman, running back DeAngelo Williams became a feature of the offense, running for 684 yards and averaging 6.6 yards per carry. He's joined by LSU transfer Derron Parquet, who could give Memphis the strongest one-two rushing punch in the conference.

Wimprine has just one starting wideout returning, but still has some experienced targets. Darron White is the top returning receiver and the only returning starter, but Tavares Gideon was the team's No. 2 receiver in a reserve role last season, making 42 catches, including eight TD catches, the fifth-highest, single-season total in school history.

With only one starter back on the offensive line, West is understandably concerned with that group, but it seemed to improve as spring practice moved forward, particularly in pass protection.

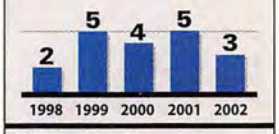
DeAngelo Williams, *RB*

BRUCE NEYMAN/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Tennessee Tech		
S.6	Mississippi		
S.13	@ Southern Miss	L	33-14
S.27	Arkansas State		
O.4	UAB	L	31-17
O.11	@ Mississippi State	L	29-17
O.18	@ Houston	L	26-21
O.25	@ Tulane	W	38-10
N.1	East Carolina		
N.15	@ Louisville	L	38-32
N.22	Cincinnati	L	48-10
N.29	South Florida	L	31-28

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/26

OFFENSE		
QB	8	Danny Wimprine (6-1, 216, r-Jr.)
	11	Bobby Robison 6-4, 210, Jr.)
TB	20	DeAngelo Williams (5-10, 205, So.)
	3	Derron Parquet 6-0, 200, r-Jr.)
OT	53	Jeremy Rone (6-3, 238, r-Jr.)
	54	Willie Henderson (6-7, 350, r-Fr.)
OG	75	Andrew Handy (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	63	Blake Butler (6-3, 280, r-Fr.)
C	76	Gene Frederic (6-4, 275, Jr.)
	59	Bruce McCaleb (6-2, 260, r-Fr.)
OG	78	Jason Matthews (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	74	Bobby Garafolo (6-4, 305, Jr.)
OT	73	David Davis (6-4, 285, r-Jr.)
	70	James Corder (6-6, 315, r-So.)
TE	82	John Doucette (6-2, 262, So.)
	9	LaKendus Cole (5-9, 185, r-So.)
WR	21	Tavares Gideon (6-4, 215, Sr.)
	88	Tavarious Davis (6-0, 180, r-Jr.)
WR	28	Darron White (6-0, 190, Jr.)
	81	Chris Kelley (6-2, 190, Jr.)
WR	16	Darren Garcia (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	80	Von Webb (6-0, 175, r-Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	43	Marcus West (6-4, 225, r-So.)
	93	Haracio Colen (6-3, 255, r-Fr.)
DT	79	Kenyun Glover (6-3, 272, r-Jr.)
	77	Albert Means (6-4, 350, r-Jr.)
DT	50	Eric Taylor (6-3, 283, Sr.)
	72	Greg Billingslea (6-3, 245, r-So.)
DE	91	Treveco Lucas (6-2, 244, r-Sr.)
	51	LaVale Washington (6-1, 250, So.)
LB	44	Derrick Ballard (6-2, 205, Sr.)
	41	Tim Goodwell (6-2, 210, So.)
LB	27	Shaka Hill (6-3, 244, Sr.)
	37	Coot Terry (6-0, 222, r-Sr.)
LB	42	Greg Harper (6-1, 223, r-Sr.)
	34	Robert Douglas (6-3, 216, r-Jr.)
CB	7	Cameron Essex (5-11, 170, Jr.)
	9	Tristan Thomas (6-1, 175, Jr.)
CB	39	Olen Whitely (6-0, 185, r-Fr.)
S	40	O.C. Collins (6-0, 175, So.)
	45	Wesley Smith (6-3, 180, r-Fr.)
S	8	Scott Vogel (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	29	Lionel Pieh (5-10, 175, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	32	Stephen Gostkowski (6-1, 195, So.)
	36	Danny Haynes (5-10, 200, r-Sr.)
P	35	Ryan Ivey (6-0, 175, r-Jr.)

STADIUM INFO — **Name:** Liberty Bowl Memorial **Capacity:** 62,380 **Playing Surface:** Grass

THE COACH — **Tommy West,** 3rd Year **Record:** 8-15 **Career Record:** 43-50

ASST. COACHES — **Randy Fichtner** (off. coord./QBs), **Rick Mallory** (OL), **Russ Huesman** (RBs), **Clay Helton** (WRs), **Joe Lee Dunn** (def. coord.), **Craig Boller** (DL), **Tim Keane** (safeties)

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/20

OFFENSE

QB	4	Darrell Hackney (6-2, 230, So.)
RB	6	Kendal Gibson (5-11, 240, Jr.)
RB	34	Dan Burks (6-0, 200, So.)
OT	70	Wilbert Hamilton (6-4, 295, Sr.)
OG	72	Andy Galloway (6-5, 310, Jr.)
C	50	Matt Batusic (6-2, 275, So.)
OG	61	Larry Coachman (6-1, 340, Sr.)
OT	75	Artavious Williams (6-5, 340, Sr.)
TE	89	Sam Dudley (6-3, 265, Jr.)
WR	10	Roddy White (6-2, 190, Jr.)
WR	12	Lance Rhodes (5-11, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Anthony Garrett (6-5, 225, So.)
DT	90	Sam Williamson (6-5, 280, So.)
NT	93	Shamar Abrams (6-2, 330, Jr.)
DE	49	Chris Mason (6-3, 235, So.)
SLB	58	Gaylon Black (6-1, 225, Jr.)
MLB	59	Nigel Eldridge (6-2, 230, Jr.)
WLB	58	Zac Woodfin (6-2, 235, Jr.)
CB	20	Dio Hill (5-11, 185, Jr.)
CB	19	Carlos Hendricks (5-10, 185, Jr.)
SS	8	Thurman Pearson (6-1, 185, Sr.)
FS	24	Julius Wainwright (6-0, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	60	Nick Hayes (6-1, 180, Jr.)
P	86	Parker Mullins (5-10, 165, R-Fr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Legion Field
Capacity: 83,091
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Watson Brown, 9th Year
Record: 42-47
Career Record: 74-122-1

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 8

UAB BLAZERS

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 4-4 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.uabsports.com

SCOTT AUDETTE/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Darrell Hackney, *QB*

Young but dangerous. The Blazers have some blazing talent at the skill positions, but it isn't seasoned. Quarterback Darrell Hackney may be the most underrated signal-caller in the league, but that may not be the case much longer.

He started the last eight games of last season and passed for just under 2,000 yards.

Along with him, UAB returns each of its top three rushers and three of its top four receivers. Dan Burks led the team in rushing as a true freshman last season with 554 yards, while junior wideout Roddy White is back after catching 39 passes for 580 yards.

"We've got some talent there, but we've got to show more consistency," says coach Watson Brown.

The same is true on defense, where only one senior is projected to start. Zac Woodfin, a junior linebacker, set a UAB record with 120 tackles last year, and junior Gaylon Black joins him to form a talented linebacking tandem. Black missed most of last season with an injury.

The key to the defense could be getting a consistent pass rush from the line and sophomore ends Anthony Garrett and Chris Mason.

Another reason for optimism is the schedule. UAB won't play either Louisville or East Carolina, and its games against Southern Miss, Tulane and Cincinnati will be at home.

Given their youth, the Blazers can expect a few stumbles. But given their talent, they might furnish a few surprises. And if they make progress this season, they could be championship contenders a year from now.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@ Baylor
S.4	Southern Miss
S.13	TROY STATE
S.20	@ South Carolina
O.4	@ Memphis
O.11	Cincinnati
O.18	TCU
O.25	@ Georgia
N.1	Army
N.8	Tulane
N.22	@ South Florida
N.29	@ Houston

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/19

OFFENSE

QB	4	Paul Troth (6-5, 233, Jr.)
FB	31	Vonta Leach (6-0, 253, Sr.)
TB	33	Art Brown (5-9, 207, Sr.)
OT	69	Brian Rimpf (6-6, 318, Sr.)
OG	76	Charlie Dempsey (6-3, 300, Jr.)
C	68	Doug White (6-0, 310, Sr.)
OG	72	Brian Fox (6-2, 293, Sr.)
OT	61	Brandon Pope (6-4, 289, Sr.)
TE	42	James Myrick (6-4, 288, So.)
WR	17	Damarcus Fox (5-8, 172, Jr.)
WR	7	Terrance Copper (6-0, 211, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Guy Whimper (6-5, 271, So.)
NG	97	Derek Helms (6-3, 298, Sr.)
DT	99	Damane Duckett (6-7, 300, Sr.)
DE	34	Richard Koonce (6-0, 236, So.)
LB	43	Josh Chilsom (5-10, 220, So.)
LB	40	Chris Moore (6-0, 208, So.)
LB	41	Kent Nealy (5-10, 224, Sr.)
CB	37	Brandon Rainer (5-10, 182, Sr.)
CB	39	Reicko Jones (5-8, 154, So.)
FS	24	Antonie Nealy (6-0, 184, So.)
SS	45	Travis Heath (6-2, 198, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	10	Cameron Broadwell (6-3, 200, Jr.)
P	9	Ryan Dougherty (6-1, 211, Fr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
Capacity: 43,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

John Thompson, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 9

East Carolina PIRATES

2002 Record: 4-8 overall, 4-4 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.ecupirates.com

After a few up-and-down seasons, an East Carolina program that had become accustomed to being a league power decided to part ways with coach Steve Logan, who built the program to prominence.

Logan had done a masterful job of recruiting the East Coast and even beating out bigger North Carolina schools for players in-state, but the Pirates were deteriorating on the field the past two years.

Art Brown, *RB*

DALE BARBEE

Enter John Thompson, former defensive coordinator at the University of Florida. If he can revamp the defense, the Pirates could be back in championship contention immediately.

Certainly, East Carolina may be the biggest wild card in C-USA. It may have enough talent to rise to the top of the league. But ECU has also managed to be inconsistent enough to lose to teams at the bottom.

Thompson has a raw talent in quarterback Paul Troth, whose arm was too strong for his own good at times last season. He threw 20 interceptions and completed just under half of his passes. He might fare better in an offense not geared so highly toward big plays.

Senior offensive tackle Brian Rimpf is the best in Conference USA and one of the league's best pro prospects. Art Brown quietly had an outstanding season last year, rushing for a bit more than 1,000 yards and 14 touchdowns. If the passing game can be stabilized, the Pirates could have some punch.

Thompson will scrap the 3-4 defense and go to a 4-3 set, and he'll have a solid linebacker in Chris Moore to build around. He'll have to find some answers on the line, which neither rushed the passer nor stopped the run very well a year ago.

The Pirates have a tough schedule, opening the season with games against four bowl teams from last season.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.1	@ Cincinnati
S.6	West Virginia
S.13	@ Miami (FL)
S.20	@ Wake Forest
S.30	Houston
O.11	North Carolina
O.18	@ Army
O.25	Louisville
N.1	@ Memphis
N.8	South Florida
N.22	@ Tulane
N.29	Southern Miss

Houston COUGARS

CONFERENCE RANK: 10

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-5 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.uhcougars.com

First-year coach Art Briles takes over a team with some talent, but he must address the Cougars' defensive shortcomings while replacing two key offensive performers.

Joffrey Reynolds rushed for 1,545 yards last season and Keykowa Bell was quarterback Nick Eddy's favorite target with 35 receptions.

But Eddy is back, and he has some talent at receiver in Brandon Middleton, a big-play specialist whose 28 catches yielded an impressive 24 yards per reception last year.

Houston also has one of the league's top offensive linemen in Rex Hadnot, who anchors a good-sized group up front. Center Al James is working to come back from a devastating knee injury last season.

Briles will need to get production from running back Anthony Evans to keep the offense operating at a high level.

On defense, Briles has eight starters back from a unit that struggled to stop the pass last season. He has switched to a more basic 4-3 set, ditching the 4-2-5 alignment used the past several seasons, and has a solid group on the line to employ it. That unit is led by defensive end Farouk Adelekan, who recorded nine sacks last season and got 18 of his 39 solo stops behind the line of scrimmage. The linebacking corps is seasoned.

Briles will be trying to address shortcomings in the secondary, however. The group struggled last season even with the presence of one of Houston's best ever, Hanik Milligan, who led the team in tackles with 145. Jermain Woodard will move to strong safety from linebacker. He had 73 tackles last season.

Delenell Reid, *DB*

THOMAS B. SHEA/ICON SMI

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Rice
S.6	@ Michigan
S.13	@ Louisiana-Lafayette
S.20	Mississippi State
S.30	@ East Carolina
O.11	@ Tulane
O.18	Memphis
O.25	TCU
N.8	Southern Miss
N.15	@ Army
N.22	@ Louisville
N.29	UAB

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/25

OFFENSE

QB	16	Nick Eddy (6-4, 250, Sr.)
RB	6	Anthony Evans (5-10, 214, So.)
OT	77	Matt Mattox (6-4, 270, Sr.)
OG	71	Roy Swan (6-2, 315, So.)
C	76	Rex Hadnot (6-1, 310, Sr.)
OG	62	Brandon Evans (6-4, 310, Sr.)
OT	70	David Douglas (6-3, 310, So.)
TE	17	Jon Clark (6-5, 220, Sr.)
WR	2	Harrison Arceneaux (6-2, 190, Sr.)
WR	86	Mark Hopkins (6-4, 208, Jr.)
WR	8	Brandon Middleton (5-11, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	88	Kendrick Goss (6-4, 270, Jr.)
DT	62	Kade Lane (6-2, 255, So.)
DT	79	Gerard Richard (6-3, 300, So.)
DE	13	Farouk Adelekan (6-2, 272, Sr.)
LB	53	Justin Davis (6-2, 232, Sr.)
LB	33	Damien West (6-2, 245, Sr.)
LB	45	Bryant Brown (6-2, 220, So.)
CB	2	Roland Cola (5-10, 180, Sr.)
CB	8	Stanford Routt (6-1, 185, Jr.)
SS	29	Jermain Woodard (6-0, 205, Sr.)
FS	21	Levi Gaston (6-1, 180, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	7	Dustin Bell (6-2, 215, Jr.)
P	43	Jimmy McClary (6-6, 222, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium
Capacity: 32,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Art Briles, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

Army CADETS

CONFERENCE RANK: 11

2002 Record: 1-11 overall, 1-7 C-USA

Official athletic Web site: www.goarmysports.com

It has now been four years since Todd Berry threw out the wishbone in an attempt to bring a contemporary offense to West Point. But so far the results have yet to purge the memory of the wishbone from the Cadet faithful.

Army appeared to be putting things together during the middle of last season, playing tough against Houston, UAB and Air Force before getting an upset win over Tulane. But the Black Knights went on to suffer blowout losses to Memphis and Navy to finish the season.

Quarterback Zac Dahman finished his freshman year with 1,039 yards passing and 89 completions that were the ninth-most ever for an Army quarterback. But he'll still face a challenge for the starting job from junior Reggie Nevels, who was the starter when he went down with an injury last season.

Whoever emerges will have a more seasoned receiving corps to help. Of the 18 players who caught passes for Army last season, 13 were making their first college catch. Junior Aaron Alexander leads that group. Sophomore Carlton Jones returns after leading the team in rushing as a freshman.

But Berry is dealing with an inexperienced offensive line that must come together for any of those weapons to be effective.

On defense, Berry has improved the Black Knights' athleticism, but it has been slow going. Brian Hill, an inside linebacker, is the only senior on defense and one of just 11 seniors who were on Army's spring roster.

The Knights do return three of their top six tacklers from last season, led by linebacker Ryan Kent, who had a team-leading 96 stops. Delente Brewer leads a young defensive backfield after making 55 tackles last season.

Zac Dahman, *QB*

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2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.6	Connecticut
S.13	Rutgers
S.20	Tulane
S.27	South Florida
O.4	@ TCU
O.11	@ Louisville
O.18	East Carolina
O.25	@ Cincinnati
N.1	@ UAB
N.8	@ Air Force
N.15	Houston
N.22	@ Hawaii
D.6	@ Navy

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/24

OFFENSE

QB	7	Zac Dahman (6-0, 167, So.)
RB	30	Carlton Jones (5-10, 196, So.)
OT	75	Joel Glover (6-5, 276, Jr.)
OG	57	Andy Dytrych (6-3, 286, Jr.)
C	65	David Evetts (6-2, 283, Jr.)
OG	68	Jake Holly (6-3, 285, Jr.)
OT	66	Brad Waudby (6-5, 326, Sr.)
TE	85	Doug Horaist (6-4, 235, Jr.)
WR	19	Aaron Alexander (6-6, 203, Jr.)
WR	81	Clint Woody (6-6, 230, Sr.)
WR	17	Jacob Murphy (6-2, 198, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	97	Keenan Beasley (6-3, 246, Jr.)
DT	98	Will Sullivan (6-3, 254, Jr.)
DT	50	Trey Landry (6-3, 279, Jr.)
DE	95	Odene Brathwaite (6-4, 260, Jr.)
LB	4	Ryan Kent (6-0, 215, Sr.)
LB	40	Brian Hill (6-3, 233, Sr.)
LB	16	Greg Washington (6-0, 225, Jr.)
LB	31	Curt Daniels (6-0, 197, Jr.)
CB	37	Delente Brewer (6-0, 189, Jr.)
CB	38	Jonathan Lewis (6-0, 192, Jr.)
FS	21	Lucius Weaver (6-3, 229, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	23	Joe Riley (5-10, 207, So.)
P	27	Alex Bradford (6-1, 195, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Blaik Field at Michie Stadium
Capacity: 40,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Todd Berry, 4th Year
Record: 5-29
Career Record: 29-53

PAC-10 *Predicted order of finish:*

1 ▶p.71
2 ▶p.72
3 ▶p.73
4 ▶p.74
5 ▶p.75
6 ▶p.76
7 ▶p.77
8 ▶p.78
9 ▶p.79
10 ▶p.79

Can Heisman candidate Andrew Walter and Sun Devils hold off Pickett's charge in Seattle?

By JON WILNER
San Jose Mercury News

There is no Miami in the Pac-10. There isn't even a Florida or Nebraska. Not since Southern Cal's glory days has a team consistently won (or contended for) the league title. In the last seven years alone, six teams have captured the crown.

But one formula seems to accurately predict the champion. Find the best quarterback in this pass-happy conference and you'll probably find the best team. For seven consecutive seasons, the first-team all-conference quarterback has won the league title.

The streak began with Arizona State's Jake Plummer in 1996 and continued last season, when Washington State and USC tied for first place and their quarterbacks, WSU's Jason Gesser and USC's Carson Palmer, shared first-team all-conference honors.

So, who's it going to be this year?

The Trojans have the best 21-man lineup, but there's a hole where Palmer used to roam. Washington State, UCLA and Oregon have enough talent to compete for the title, but they, too, lack proven passers. Oregon State junior Derek Anderson is a huge talent but must improve his consistency before the Beavers make a run at the title. Cal, Stanford and Arizona compound their problems at quarterback with problems everywhere else.

The best bets, it appears, are Washington and Arizona State.

Both teams finished in the middle of the pack last season. Both have a solid core of returnees, both have favorable schedules—they don't play each other, for instance—and both have talented, experienced quarterbacks.

Washington senior Cody Pickett led the league in passing last season (342.9 yards per game), while Arizona State junior Andrew Walter was third in passing efficiency (137.1 rating) behind Palmer and Gesser.

So if form holds, the 2003 champ will come from either Seattle or Tempe.

Games to watch

USC at Arizona State, Oct. 4.
Trojans' great defense vs. Devils' high-powered offense.

USC at Washington, Oct 25.
Could be a Rose Bowl-elimination game.

Oregon at Washington, Nov. 1
The hatred runs deep—on both sides.

ALL-PAC-10 TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Cody Pickett**, sr., Washington
RB—**Steven Jackson**, jr., Oregon State
RB—**Jermaine Green**, sr., Washington State
WR—**Reggie Williams**, jr., Washington
WR—**Mike Williams**, so., USC
TE—**Brett Pierce**, jr., Stanford,
OL—**Khalif Barnes**, jr., Washington
OL—**Jacob Rogers**, sr., USC
OL—**Calvin Armstrong**, jr., Washington State
OL—**Eyoseph Efseaff**, jr., UCLA
OL—**Dan Weaver**, sr., Oregon
PK—**Jared Siegel**, jr., Oregon

DEFENSE

DL—**Isaac Brown**, sr., Washington State
DL—**Kenechi Udeze**, jr., USC
DL—**Shaun Cody**, jr., USC
DL—**Rodney Leisle**, sr., UCLA
LB—**Richard Seigler**, sr., Oregon State
LB—**Kevin Mitchell**, sr., Oregon
LB—**Matt Grootegoed**, jr., USC
DB—**Jason David**, sr., WSU
DB—**Matt Ware**, jr., UCLA
DB—**Keith Lewis**, sr., Oregon
DB—**Derrick Johnson**, jr., Washington
P—**Tim Parker**, sr., Arizona State

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Sammy Moore**, WR, Washington State
Best hands: **Reggie Williams**, WR, Washington
Best passing QB: **Andrew Walter**, Arizona State
Best option QB: **Cody Pickett**, Washington
Most elusive RB: **Tyler Ebell**, UCLA
Best instincts: **Matt Grootegoed**, LB, USC
Best athlete: **Reggie Williams**, WR, Washington
Best under pressure: **Cody Pickett**, QB, Washington
Top NFL prospect: **Reggie Williams**, WR, Washington
Top impact freshman: **Reggie Bush**, RB, USC
Hardest hitter: **Richard Seigler**, LB, Oregon State
Biggest underachiever: **Rich Alexis**, TB, Washington

Rating the coaches

Best Strategist: **Jeff Tedford**, Cal
Best Recruiter: **Pete Carroll**, USC
Coach on the Spot: **Buddy Teevens**, Stanford

Don't be surprised if ...

Mike Riley takes a talented Oregon State team to a very memorable season in his second head-coaching stint in Corvallis.

One man's opinion

"They have great kids up there, and they've been around winning at a high level. Not that 7-6 is all that bad, but losing six of the last seven, I'm sure that left a bad taste. They'll reevaluate their goals and come out hungry."

—Cal coach Jeff Tedford, a former Oregon assistant, on the Ducks' state of mind

Rating the recruits

1. USC
A terrific class, with several players who could contribute immediately, including TB Reggie Bush.

2. Washington
Went heavy on running backs and receivers. Name to remember: WR Craig Chambers.

3. Cal
Coach Jeff Tedford landed the Bears' best class in years.

4. Arizona State
No reason ASU shouldn't have a top-five class every year. The LBs look good.

5. Stanford
Wideout Mark Bradford will play immediately.

6. Oregon
The top recruit, QB Dennis Dixon, enrolled spring semester.

7. UCLA
Fortified the defensive line and landed a stud TB in Maurice Drew.

8. Arizona
With all Mackovic's problems, 'Cats couldn't have expected much more.

9. Oregon State
Dennis Erickson signed three QBs, then blew town.

10. Washington State
Hoping for help from junior college transfers.

Washington HUSKIES

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 4-4 PAC-10 *(lost to Purdue in the Sun Bowl, 34-24)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gohuskies.com

With Williams to throw to and favorable schedule, Pickett's charge cannot be contained

If everything goes as planned, Cody Pickett will be a better quarterback this season without the statistics to prove it.

That's because the Huskies are determined to add a productive running game to their top-flight aerial attack. They rushed for a meager 74.5 yards per game last season, the lowest average in school history.

After stumbling through October, the Huskies won three of their last four and reached the Sun Bowl. Yes, even in the Pac-10, it's tough to thrive with a one-dimensional attack. So another 4,458-yard season from Pickett would be a bad sign.

"We played to our strength last year, but in so doing we exposed a weakness," coach Rick Neuheisel says. "We need to make sure we don't have a weakness as we go forward."

Four of Washington's 16 returning starters are on the offensive line. Behind tackle Khalif Barnes, there should be plenty of holes for freshman redshirt Kenny James and senior Rich Alexis, who has the size and the speed to be an elite tailback. He'll get plenty of opportunities; Neuheisel wants to average 150 to 175 yards per game.

Pickett is a capable runner as well, and Neuheisel loves mixing in the option—something Pac-10 defenses rarely see. But the Huskies will be at their best when Pickett is in the pocket and delivering the ball to star receiver Reggie Williams, who averaged 111.8 yards per game last season.

Williams has NFL size and speed—he should be a top five pick in the next year's NFL Draft—and he demands double coverage. That should create plenty of opportunities for fellow wideout Charles Frederick, who is also a standout return man.

"I think Reggie can become a much cleaner route-runner and not rely on his physical dominance to get the ball," Neuheisel says.

Eight starters return to a defense that was solid against the run but porous against the pass. If the Huskies find a replacement for end Kai Ellis, the line should be one of the league's best.

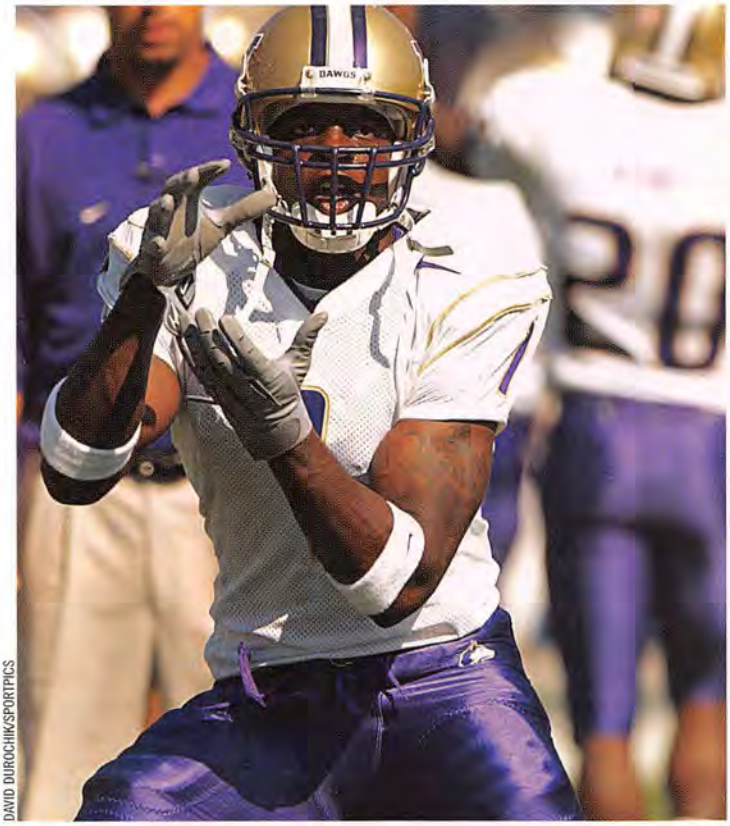
The secondary, beset by injuries last season, is stocked with experience and athleticism—even without cornerback Nate Robinson, who has decided to concentrate on basketball. Cornerback Derrick Johnson returns, as does Roc Alexander, who missed seven games last season with a shoulder injury.

Well-positioned on the front and back lines, the Huskies have holes at linebacker. Marquis Cooper (100 tackles in '02) returns in the middle. To place their best players on the field, the Huskies have moved safety Greg Carothers to outside linebacker. Cory Jones, a transfer from Notre Dame, should fill the other spot.

Washington also must replace John Anderson, a four-year starter and one of the top kickers in the conference. But the return teams are in good shape with Frederick.

The Huskies open at Ohio State, then play three straight at home. In addition, their toughest conference games (USC, Oregon and Washington State) are in Husky Stadium. The favorable schedule, combined with Pickett and 16 returning starters, should equal Washington's second conference title in four years.

Reggie Williams, *WR*



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STADIUM INFO
Name: Husky Stadium
Capacity: 72,500
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

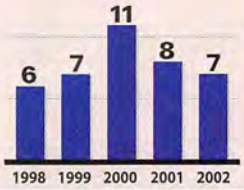
THE COACH
Rick Neuheisel, 5th Year
Record: 33-16
Career Record: 66-30

ASST. COACHES
Keith Gilbertson (off. coord./TEs), **Tim Hundley** (co-def. coord./OLBs), **Phil Snow** (co-def. coord./secondary), **Dan Cozzetto** (OL), **Randy Hart** (DL), **Chuck Heater** (RBs/recruit. coord.), **Cornell Jackson** (ILBs), **Bobby Kennedy** (WRs), **John Pettas** (QBs)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Ohio State		
S.6	Indiana		
S.20	Idaho	W	41-27
S.27	Stanford		
O.4	@ UCLA	L	24-34
O.11	Nevada		
O.18	@ Oregon State	W	41-29
O.25	USC	L	21-41
N.1	Oregon	W	42-14
N.8	@ Arizona	W	32-28
N.15	@ California		
N.22	Washington State	W (3OT)	29-26

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 52/17

OFFENSE		
QB	3	Cody Pickett (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	15	Casey Paus (6-5, 215, So.)
FB	5	Zach Tuiasosopo (6-2, 245, Jr.)
	22	Ty Eriks (6-2, 235, So.)
TB	24	Rich Alexis (6-0, 220, Sr.)
	42	Chris Singleton (6-0, 200, Jr.)
OT	65	Khalif Barnes (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	79	Ryan Brooks (6-6, 285, Jr.)
OG	67	Nick Newton(6-5, 330, Sr.)
	53	Aaron Butler (6-4, 320, Jr.)
C	78	Dan Dicks (6-6, 320, Jr.)
	50	Brad Vanneman (6-3, 295, So.)
OG	68	Rob Meadow (6-6, 295, So.)
	63	Clay Walker (6-4, 270, RFr.)
OT	72	Todd Bachert (6-6, 300, Sr.)
	67	Nick Newton (6-5, 330, Sr.)
TE	83	Joe Toledo (6-6, 290, So.)
	89	Ben Bandel (6-7, 270, RFr.)
WR	1	Reggie Williams (6-4, 220, Jr.)
	80	Justin Robbins (6-0, 195, Jr.)
WR	10	Charles Frederick (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	12	Jordan Slye (6-5, 195, RFr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	86	Graham Lasee (6-5, 260, So.)
	97	Mike Mapu (6-3, 280, Jr.)
DT	55	Tui Alailefaleula (6-4, 310, Jr.)
	59	Jerome Stevens (6-3, 295, Jr.)
DT	99	Terry Johnson (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	98	Dan Milsten (6-5, 265, RFr.)
DE	56	Manase Hopoi (6-4, 260, So.)
	45	Brandon Ala (6-3, 225, RFr.)
ILB	53	Joe Lobendahn (5-10, 220, Jr.)
	35	Tim Galloway (6-2, 230, Jr.)
ILB	88	Marquis Cooper (6-4, 215, Sr.)
	5	Scott White (6-2, 220, RFr.)
OLB	34	Greg Carothers (6-2, 220, Sr.)
	42	Tyler Krambrink (6-1, 210, Sr.)
CB	21	Derrick Johnson (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	28	Chris Massey (5-11, 170, Sr.)
CB	3	Roc Alexander (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	6	Matt Fountaine (5-11, 180, Fr.)
SS	27	Evan Benjamin (6-0, 210, So.)
	43	Owen Biddle (5-10, 190, Sr.)
FS	26	Jimmy Newell (6-1, 195, Jr.)
	38	James Sims, Jr. (6-1, 195, RFr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	10	Evan Knudson (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	14	Michael Braunstein (5-8, 170, Fr.)
P	17	Sean Douglas (6-1, 195, Fr.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	Northern Arizona		
S.13	Utah State		
S.20	@ Iowa		
S.27	@ Oregon State	W	13-9
O.4	USC	L	34-13
O.11	Oregon	W	45-42
O.18	@ North Carolina	L	38-35
O.25	@ UCLA		
N.1	California	L	55-38
N.8	@ Stanford	W	65-24
N.15	@ Washington State	L	44-22
N.28	Arizona	W	34-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/16

OFFENSE

QB	16	Andrew Walter (6-5, 217, Jr.)
	10	Chad Christensen (6-3, 202, So.)
FB	44	Mike Karney (6-0, 255, Sr.)
	46	Mike Talbot (6-2, 232, So.)
TB	3	Mike Williams (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	32	Cornell Canidate (5-9, 189, RS-Fr.)
LT	73	Chaz White (6-4, 293, So.)
	68	Andrew Carnahan (6-8, 290, RS-Fr.)
LG	59	Tim Fa'aita (6-1, 308, Sr.)
	77	Adrian Ayala (6-5, 306, Jr.)
C	53	Drew Hodgdon (6-3, 293, Jr.)
	50	Tony Aguilar (6-3, 287, Sr.)
RG	70	Regis Crawford (6-3, 305, Sr.)
	78	Zach Krula (6-7, 293, RS-Fr.)
RT	71	Grayling Love (6-3, 285, So.)
	66	Stephen Berg (6-6, 320, RS-Fr.)
TE	83	Lee Burghgraef (6-5, 237, So.)
	84	Aaron Austin (6-5, 255, Jr.)
WR	18	Skyler Fulton (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	89	Matt Miller (6-1, 167, So.)
WR	9	Daryl Lightfoot (5-9, 160, Jr.)
	80	Derek Hagan (6-0, 199, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Jimmy Verdon (6-4, 265, Jr.)
	93	Rickey Parker (6-4, 260, RS-Fr.)
DT	97	Brian Montesanto (6-5, 256, Sr.)
	95	Gabe Reininger (6-2, 270, Jr.)
DT	99	Shane Jones (6-2, 286, Sr.)
	94	Ali Likio (6-3, 309, RS-Fr.)
DE	88	Nick Johnson (6-2, 241, So.)
	42	Connor Banks (6-3, 244, Jr.)
LB	51	Jamar Williams (6-1, 223, So.)
	57	Barton Hammit (6-0, 234, So.)
LB	5	Justin Burks (6-3, 235, Jr.)
	58	Jordan Hill (6-2, 255, RS-Fr.)
CB	26	R.J. Oliver (5-9, 171, Jr.)
	37	Mike Davis Jr. (6-1, 176, So.)
CB	23	Josh Golden (5-10, 173, So.)
	20	Emmanuel Franklin (5-11, 182, Jr.)
S	7	Riccardo Stewart (5-10, 195, Jr.)
	36	Joey Smith (5-11, 204, So.)
S	30	Jason Shivers (6-1, 189, Jr.)
	19	Matt Fawley (6-1, 215, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	31	Tim Parker (6-0, 194, Sr.)
	36	Kyle Dixon (6-1, 190, So.)
P	31	Tim Parker (6-0, 194, Sr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 2

Arizona State
SUN DEVILS

2002 Record: 8-6 overall, 5-3 PAC-10 *(lost to Kansas State in the Holiday Bowl, 27-34)*

Official athletic Web site: www.thesundevils.com

Heisman hopeful Andrew Walter has the arm to take Sun Devils a very long way

Arizona State has long been considered the Pac-10's sleeping giant—an underachieving program with the campus, facilities, money and recruiting base to consistently contend for the league title. If Oregon can do it, the reasoning goes, then why not ASU?

Each time the Sun Devils seemed poised to break through—after the 1996 league title under former coach Bruce Snyder, for instance—they'd take a step back.

So it is with more than passing curiosity that the rest of the league is following the progress of ASU's third-year coach, Dirk Koetter (a former Oregon assistant, by the way). Koetter's team was the Pac-10's biggest surprise last season, an offensive powerhouse that won eight games and lost to Kansas State in the Holiday Bowl.

Is Koetter the man to finally make the most of all ASU has to offer? Are the Sun Devils ready to post back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1997? Or was last year's success an aberration?

Two components to a successful season are in place: The Sun Devils have one of the league's best quarterbacks in strong-armed junior Andrew Walter, who threw for 3,877 yards last year despite being the backup the first four games; and they have a favorable schedule. They don't play Washington, plus they get USC in Tempe.

Of course, the Sun Devils must replace their best players, receiver Shaun McDonald and defensive end Terrell Suggs, a pass-rushing machine who attracted so much attention he made his linemates better. State also lost linebackers Solomon Bates and Mason Unck.

Koetter hopes sophomore Jamar Williams and junior college transfer Justin Burks are ready to fill the void at linebacker. The secondary should be one of the league's best, with safeties Ricardo Stewart and Jason Shivers, who led the Sun Devils in tackles the last two seasons. They followed Suggs and Co. last year, but this fall Stewart and Shivers must become the leaders.

Like Washington, the Sun Devils, who were third in Pac-10 passing and eighth in rushing, hope to achieve better balance this season. They have the line to do it, with every starter returning.

Mike Williams and Cornell Canidate (of whom Koetter says, "Unfortunately, he has the same 40 speed I do.") will share the load at tailback, but the Sun Devils once again are without an elite running back. (Where have you gone, J.R. Redmond?) Freshmen Randy Hill and Loren Wade will be given the chance to earn playing time.

The success of the aerial attack depends on replacing McDonald, a terrific deep threat who stretched defenses and gave Walter options all over the field. Matt Miller showed signs of filling that role in spring practice. Derek Hagan and Daryl Lightfoot were productive last season in McDonald's shadow, but will attract more attention this fall.

The offensive line returns intact. If Walter goes down, ASU will turn to either sophomore Chad Christensen or freshman Kellen Bradley, who will compete for the second-string QB job.

The Sun Devils are in good shape on special teams. They have the league's best punter, Tim Parker, and a dangerous returner, Lightfoot. But they'll probably turn the kicking duties over to a freshman, Jessie Ainsworth.

Andrew Walter, *QB*

STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

STADIUM INFO
Name: Frank Kush Field at Sun Devil Stadium
Capacity: 73,379
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Dirk Koetter, 3rd Year
Record: 12-13
Career Record: 37-23

ASST. COACHES
Tom Osborne (assist. head coach/TEs/special teams), **Dan Fidler** (safeties), **Jeff Grimes** (running game coord./OL), **Brent Guy** (def. coord./LBs), **Mark Helfrich** (passing game coord./QBs), **Darryl Jackson** (WRs), **Ted Monachino** (DL), **Tom Nordquist** (RBs/recruit. coord.), **Kevin Ramsey** (CBs)

Southern California TROJANS

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: 11-2 overall, 7-1 PAC-10 *(beat Iowa in the Orange Bowl, 38-17)*

Official athletic Web site: www.usctrojans.com

The Carson Show has completed its run in L.A., so what will Pete Carroll do for an encore?

It seems USC finally got it right. After a search that spanned three decades and four coaches, the Trojans might have finally found the man to guide them back to the top of college football. Ted Tollner didn't do it. Larry Smith didn't do it. John Robinson, in his second tour in Troy, didn't do it. Neither did Paul Hackett.

But in just two seasons, Pete Carroll has USC steaming towards the success it enjoyed in the 1960s, '70s and early '80s, when it won seven national titles under John McKay and Robinson.

The Trojans were one of the top teams in the country last season, demolishing Iowa in the Orange Bowl and finishing No. 4 in the final polls. And if they find an adequate replacement for Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer, they should challenge for another prime-time bowl bid.

But Carroll, whose mix of charm and humility has made him a favorite of USC fans and players alike, is doing his best to put the brakes on expectations.

"We have to keep last season in perspective," Carroll says. "It was the first very successful season at USC in a while. So, it's too early yet to say that we've arrived. ... We have to find that high level again, and it's not automatic."

With 12 starters and several of their top reserves back for more, the Trojans are loaded at every position except quarterback and defensive back.

Offensive coordinator Norm Chow must choose from four players competing for Palmer's job, including Matt Cassel, who was Palmer's backup in 2001-02, and Purdue transfer Brandon Hance.

Sophomore Hershel Dennis is the leading candidate to replace tailbacks Justin Fargas and Sultan McCullough. And another sophomore, Mike Williams, will have no trouble sliding into Kareem Kelly's spot. He's one of the best receivers in the league. Tight end Alex Holmes returns, as do four starters on the offensive line.

"The strength of our offense is the line, and that's how it should be every year," Carroll says.

In a league known for its offense, Carroll has been committed to fielding the best defenses. He certainly has the line to do it, with ends Omar Nazel and Kenechi Udeze and tackles Mike Patterson and Shaun Cody, who missed half of the 2002 season with a knee injury. Southern Cal has dubbed the quartet the "Wild Bunch II," in honor of the Trojans' 1969 defensive front.

The Trojans are set at outside linebacker as well, with Melvin Simmons and all-league candidate Matt Grootegoed. But replacing All-American safety Troy Polamalu will be nearly as difficult as replacing Palmer. Jason Leach is the leading candidate; he started for an injured Polamalu in the Orange Bowl. Kevin Arbet and Marcell Allmond give USC a solid pair of cornerbacks.

USC's weakest unit last season was its special teams, but it should be much improved, with all the major components returning, including kicker Ryan Killeen.

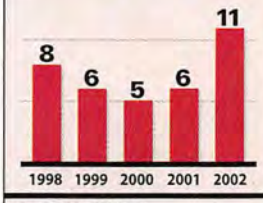
Mike Williams, *WR*

JOHN SOOHOO

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Auburn	W	24-17
S.6	Brigham Young		
S.13	Hawaii		
S.27	@ California	W	30-28
O.4	@ Arizona State	W	34-13
O.11	Stanford	W	49-17
O.18	@ Notre Dame	W	44-13
O.25	@ Washington	W	41-21
N.1	Washington State	L (OT)	27-30
N.15	@ Arizona		
N.22	UCLA	W	52-21
D.6	Oregon State	W	22-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 76/28

OFFENSE

QB	11	Matt Leinart (6-6, 215, So.)
	10	Matt Cassel (6-5, 225, Jr.)
FB	28	Brandon Hancock (6-2, 240, So.)
	37	David Kirtman (6-1, 225, So.)
TB	34	Hershel Dennis (5-11, 175, So.)
	28	Andre Woodert (6-0, 205, Fr.)
LT	77	Jacob Rogers (6-6, 305, Sr.)
	71	Nate Steinbacher (6-5, 300, Jr.)
LG	78	Lenny Vandermade (6-3, 275, Jr.)
	63	Travis Watkins (6-3, 300, So.)
C	62	Norm Katnik (6-5, 275, Sr.)
	61	Kurt Katnik (6-4, 255, Fr.)
RG	57	Fred Matua (6-3, 305, Fr.)
	75	Kyle Williams (6-6, 280, Fr.)
RT	71	Winston Justice (6-6, 305, So.)
	66	Eric Torres (6-5, 310, Jr.)
TE	81	Alex Holmes (6-2, 265, Sr.)
	86	Dominique Byrd (6-3, 250, So.)
WR	1	Mike Williams (6-5, 210, Fr.)
	82	D. Hale (6-1, 185, Sr.)
WR	83	Keary Colbert (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	24	Justin Wyatt (5-10, 175, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	94	Kenechi Udeze (6-3, 280, So.)
	91	Van Brown (6-5, 255, Jr.)
NT	99	Mike Patterson (6-2, 285, Jr.)
	98	Travis Tofi (6-4, 235, Fr.)
DT	84	Shaun Cody (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	52	LaJuan Ramsey (6-3, 265, So.)
DE	56	Omar Nazel (6-5, 235, Sr.)
	90	Frostee Rucker (6-4, 240, Jr.)
LB	6	Matt Grootegoed (5-11, 205, Jr.)
	42	Dallas Sartz (6-5, 210, So.)
LB	45	Oscar Lua (6-1, 245, So.)
	58	Lofa Tatupu (5-11, 215, So.)
LB	51	Melvin Simmons (6-1, 215, Sr.)
	41	Bobby Otani (6-1, 210, Jr.)
CB	30	Kevin Arbet (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	18	John Walker (6-1, 195, Fr.)
CB	8	Marcell Allmond (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	31	William Buchanon (6-4, 175, So.)
S	27	Jason Leach (5-11. 210, Jr.)
	40	Greg Farr (6-0, 195, Jr.)
S	20	Darnell Bing (6-2, 220, Fr.)
	29	Mike Ross (6-0, 185, So.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	16	Ryan Killeen (5-11, 210, Jr.)
	14	Tom Malone (6-0, 185, So.)
P	14	Tom Malone (6-0, 185, So.)
	16	Tommy Huff (6-2, 220, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO — **Name:** Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum **Capacity:** 92,000 **Playing Surface:** Grass

THE COACH — **Pete Carroll,** 3rd Year **Record:** 17-8 **Career Record:** 17-8

ASST. COACHES — **Greg Burns** (secondary), **Norm Chow** (off. coord.), **Tim Davis** (OL), **Nick Holt** (LBs), **Lane Kiffin** (WRs), **Ed Orgeron** (assist. head coach/DL/recruit. coord.), **Kennedy Pola** (RBs/special teams), **Steve Sarkisian** (QBs), **Rocky Seto** (safeties), **Brennan Carroll** (off. assist./TEs), **Chris Carlisle** (strength and cond.), **Mark Jackson** (dir. of football oper.)

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

Oregon State
BEAVERS

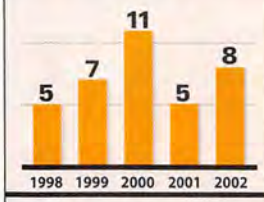
2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 PAC-10 *(lost to Pittsburgh in the Insight Bowl, 38-18)*

Official athletic Web site: www.osubeavers.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Sacramento State		
S.6	@ Fresno State	W	59-19
S.13	New Mexico State		
S.20	Boise State		
S.27	Arizona State	L	9-13
O.4	@ California	W	24-13
O.18	Washington	L	29-41
O.25	@ Washington State		
N.1	Arizona	W	38-3
N.15	Stanford	W	31-21
N.22	@ Oregon	W	45-24
D.6	@ USC	L	0-22

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/18

OFFENSE

QB	14	Derek Anderson (6-6, 227, Jr.)
	12	Adam Rothenfluh (6-3, 198, Jr.), JR.)
TB	34	Steven Jackson (6-3, 229, Jr.), JR.)
	29	Dwight Wright (6-9, 196, Jr.)
OT	62	Brian Kilkenny (6-5, 294, Sr.)
	61	Adam Koets (6-6, 275, Fr.)
OG	74	Jason Fyda (6-3, 282, So.)
	75	David Lose (6-2, 317, Sr.)
C	73	Matt Brock (6-2, 301, Jr.)
	78	Brent Bridges (6-3, 299, Jr.)
OG	55	Kanan Sanchez (6-3, 344, Jr.)
	60	J.C. Ronnfeldt (6-4, 338, Fr.)
OT	65	Doug Nienhuis (6-6, 299, Jr.)
	67	Brandon Lockheart (6-6, 343, Jr.)
TE	84	Tim Euhus (6-5, 251, Sr.)
	88	Pat Loney (6-6, 254, Jr.)
WR	1	Kenny Farley (6-2, 221, Sr.)
	13	Travis Brown (5-10, 175, So.)
WR	2	James Newson (6-1, 208, Sr.)
	82	Josh Hawkins (6-0, 186, So.)
WR	17	Jayson Boyd (6-4, 200, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Noah Happe (6-5, 231, Sr.)
	59	Dan Rothwell (6-7, 258, Sr.)
DT	92	Alvin Smith (6-2, 310, So.)
	95	Henry Anderson (6-3, 288, So.)
DT	98	Dwan Edwards (6-3, 305, Sr.)
	94	Chris Scott (6-1, 295, So.)
DE	90	Bill Swancutt (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	47	Jayson Jean-Baptiste (6-3, 244, Sr.)
LB	50	Seth Lacey (6-2, 231, Jr.)
	4	Jason Lowe (6-2, 223, Sr.)
LB	51	Richard Seigler (6-3, 239, Sr.)
	44	Trent Bray (6-1, 229, So.)
LB	40	Jonathan Pollard (6-1, 232, Jr.)
	37	Ryan Kanekeberg (6-3, 206, Jr.)
CB	8	Aric Williams (6-0, 171, Jr.)
	15	Kellen Marshall (5-10, 179, Fr.)
CB	39	Brandon Browner (6-4, 193, Fr.)
	9	Shamon Jamerson (5-11, 184, Sr.)
SS	7	Lawrence Turner (5-11, 194, Sr.)
	6	Harvey Whiten (6-3, 214, So.)
FS	5	Mitch Meeuwsen (6-3, 207, Jr.)
	24	Sabby Piscitelli (6-3, 209, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	46	Kirk Ylniemi (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	22	John Dailey (6-1, 205, So.)
P	48	Carl Tobey (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	53	John Millar (6-3, 200, Sr.)

Erickson left cupboard full for Riley's second stint in Corvallis

Mike Riley was gone from Oregon State for only four years, but everything changed during his absence. There is a new, $12 million practice facility. There are plans to expand Reser Stadium. The fans are energized. The students are excited.

But the biggest difference is the players. They believe they can win, because they have won.

When Riley last coached Oregon State, in 1998, the Beavers were trying to break a streak of 28 consecutive losing seasons, a NCAA record. Although he didn't succeed, Riley did recruit many of the players who won 31 games in four years under his successor, Dennis Erickson, who moved south to coach the San Francisco 49ers.

Now, in his second tour in Corvallis, Riley takes charge of a team that has depth, experience and talent—a team that could challenge for the conference title and another bowl bid.

But much depends on junior quarterback Derek Anderson, a huge talent from Scappoose, Ore. Anderson threw 25 touchdowns and 13 interceptions last season, but most of his success came in non-conference games. Pac-10 opponents scouted him well and kept the Beavers' passing game contained. Given normal maturation, he should be one of the Pac-10's best.

"Derek appears to have all the tools to be a great quarterback," Riley says.

Because of Anderson's erratic performance last season, the Beavers were forced to rely on tailback Steven Jackson, which wasn't a bad option. A 230-pounder with breakaway speed, Jackson led the conference in rushing (130 yards per game).

STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

Steven Jackson, *RB*

Jackson should have plenty of holes and Anderson plenty of time, because every starter returns on the offensive line. What's more, flanker James Newson is a big-play threat. Given good health—and reasonable progress from Anderson—the Beavers should have a high-octane attack.

Riley won't dismantle Erickson's spread offense completely, but he'll tweak it to accommodate his talent and his coaching staff.

"We'll change a little of the terminology, and maybe a little bit of the intent of the defense," Riley says. "But offensively, it'll be a pretty smooth transition with a one-back offense and the ability to run and throw."

Most of OSU's questions involve the defense. Built on speed and experience, it was one of the stingiest units in the league last year (20.5 points allowed per game). But the Beavers lost many of their top players, including lock-down cornerback Dennis Weathersby, safety Calvin Carlyle, run-stopping tackle Eric Manning and both outside linebackers.

Who will make the plays this fall?

End Bill Swancutt leads three returning starters on the line. Middle linebacker Richard Seigler is the best in the conference—a trash-talking, hard-hitting dynamo whose confidence is infectious. Free safety Mitch Meeuwsen is the most experienced member of a secondary that might be cause for concern.

"I think it's pretty obvious that we have to take a good look at the defensive backs, particularly the cornerbacks," Riley says. "We need to get two capable guys ready."

STADIUM INFO
Name: Reser Stadium
Capacity: 35,362
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Mike Riley, 3rd Year
Record: 8-14
Career Record: 8-14

ASST. COACHES
Paul Chryst (off. coord./QBs), **Mark Banker** (def. coord./secondary), **DelVaughn Alexander** (WRs/recruit. coord.), **Jim Gilstrap** (OL), **Lee Hull** (RBs), **Charlie Camp** (LBs), **Darryll Lewis** (secondary), **Greg Newhouse** (DL), **LeCharls McDaniel** (special teams), **Ron Davis** (dir. of football oper.)

Washington State COUGARS

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: **10-3 overall, 7-1 PAC-10** *(lost to Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl, 34-14)*

Official athletic Web site: www.wsucougars.com

Loss of coach and stars Gesser, Trufant has Cougars looking for a new identity

Bill Doba's greatest challenge in replacing Mike Price is not taking the Cougars back to the Rose Bowl. It's avoiding the same fate that befell WSU after its last trip to Pasadena.

The Cougars won the Pac-10 title in 1997 and lost a close game to Michigan in the Rose Bowl. The following year, they finished 3-8. The next year, they finished 3-9.

It took Price four seasons to claim another winning record—such are the obstacles to achieving sustained success in the Pac-10's most remote location.

The Cougars usually have a talented core, but they lack the quality depth of their centrally located brethren.

Just as Price had to replace Ryan Leaf after the '97 Rose Bowl run, so must Doba replace all-conference quarterback Jason Gesser, who led the Cougars to a 10-3 mark last season with his leadership and clutch playmaking.

The Cougars expect senior Matt Kegel (Leaf's cousin) to win the starting job, with Chris Hurd and Josh Swogger competing for the second-string spot.

Like Leaf, Kegel casts a large shadow. He's 6-5 and 240 pounds, although he doesn't have Leaf's arm strength (Who does?). He completed 67.5 percent of his passes last season in relief of Gesser. But a solid second-stringer doesn't necessarily morph into an elite starter.

"(Kegel) has been here for four years, and he's worked his tail off, and he has been loyal to the program," Doba says. "But he has two guys right behind him that are excellent players."

Doba also must replace receivers Mike Bush and Jerome Riley and cornerback Marcus Trufant, and he must fill the massive void left by defensive tackle Rien Long's early departure for the NFL. Oh, and there's this: back-to-back trips to Notre Dame and Colorado in September, with a game at Oregon two weeks later. (With that schedule, no wonder Price bolted for his short-lived stint at Alabama.)

But given solid play at quarterback, there's enough talent for an upper-division finish.

Senior Jermaine Green is one of the league's most underrated tailbacks, and receiver Devard Darling, who transferred from Florida State two years ago, will make his share of big plays. But with their spread offense, the Cougars need several productive receivers. Are Sammy Moore and Scott Lunde ready for prominent roles?

Kegel should have plenty of time to throw, and Green should have plenty of lanes to rumble through with three starters returning on the line, led by junior Calvin Armstrong.

The Cougars will be solid on defense, too. Isaac Brown and Jeremey Williams will anchor the line, and most of the back seven returns.

Trufant's departure is a huge loss; he shut down half the field. But Jason David and converted safety Erik Coleman form one of the league's best cornerback tandems. If Brown and Co. generate decent pressure, the Cougars will be difficult to throw against.

Washington State officials expect safety Virgil Williams, who started every game last season, to be granted another year of eligibility by the NCAA. He missed two years because of injuries.

Calvin Armstrong, *LT*

DAVID DUROCHIK/SPORTPICS

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Idaho (@ Seattle)	W	49-14
S.6	@ Notre Dame		
S.13	@ Colorado		
S.20	New Mexico State		
S.27	@ Oregon	W	32-21
O.4	Arizona	W	21-13
O.18	@ Stanford	W	36-11
O.25	Oregon State		
N.1	@ USC	W (OT)	30-27
N.8	UCLA	W	48-27
N.15	Arizona State	W	44-22
N.22	@ Washington	L (OT)	26-29

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/18

OFFENSE

QB	4	Matt Kegel (6-5, 239, Sr.)
	8	Chris Hurd (6-2, 219, So.)
RB	30	Jermaine Green (5-11, 221, Sr.)
	23	Jonathan Smith (5-10, 185, Sr.)
SB	35	Scott Lunde (6-2, 201, Sr.)
	6	Marty Martin (5-10, 185, So.)
OT	67	Calvin Armstrong (6-8, 315, Jr.)
	77	Patrick Afif (6-8, 320, Jr.)
OG	50	Josh Parrish (6-6, 320, Sr.)
	64	Steve Nelson (6-3, 286, Sr.)
C	66	Nick Mihlhauser (6-2, 268, So.)
	63	Mike Shelford (6-2, 278, Sr.)
OG	71	Billy Knotts (6-7, 284, Sr.)
	78	Riley Fitt-Chappell (6-6, 288, So.)
OT	75	Sam Lightbody (6-9, 310, Jr.)
	68	Charles Harris (6-7, 290, Fr.)
TE	81	Troy Bienemann (6-4, 250, So.)
	82	Adam West (6-6, 235, So.)
WR	20	Sammy Moore (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	88	Trandon Harvey (5-11, 182, So.)
WR	1	Devard Darling (6-3, 205, Jr.)
	85	Chris Jordan (6-0, 202, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	9	Isaac Brown (6-3, 226, Sr.)
	98	Bryan Boyer (6-3, 238, So.)
LT	95	Jeremey Williams (6-4, 284, Sr.)
	44	Josh Shavies (6-6, 322, Sr.)
RT	97	Tai Tupai (6-5, 330, Sr.)
	99	Steve Cook (6-3, 291, Jr.)
DE	17	D.D. Acholonu (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	96	Adam Braidwood (6-4, 242, So.)
LB	48	Al Genatone 6-0, 221, Sr.)
	46	Pat Bennett (6-0, 231, Jr.)
LB	52	Don Jackson (6-1, 218, Sr.)
	43	Brian Hall (6-2, 225, Fr.)
LB	51	Will Derting (6-0, 235, So.)
	12	Ira Davis (6-0, 224, Sr.)
CB	15	Karl Paymah (6-0, 197, Jr.)
	21	Alex Teems (5-11, 182, So.)
CB	29	Jason David (5-8, 173, Sr.)
	36	Don Turner (5-11, 170, Fr.)
S	24	Virgil Williams (6-1, 195, Sr.)
	28	Hamza Abdullah (6-2, 200, Jr.)
S	27	Erik Coleman (5-10, 202, Sr.)
	26	Jeremy Bohannon (5-10, 188, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	10	Drew Dunning (5-11, 165, Sr.)
	3	Graham Siderius (6-2, 195, So.)
P	8	Kyle Basler (6-2, 237, So.)
	3	Graham Siderius (6-2, 195, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Martin Stadium
Capacity: 37,600
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Bill Doba, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

ASST. COACHES
Robb Akey (def. coord./DL), **Leon Burtnett** (LBs), **Ken Greene** (DBs), **Mike Walker** (DL), **Mike Levenseller** (off. coord./WRs), **Robin Pflugrad** (assist. head coach/TEs/recruit. coord.), **Timm Rosenbach** (QBs), **Kelly Skipper** (RBs), **George Yarno** (OL)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

UCLA BRUINS

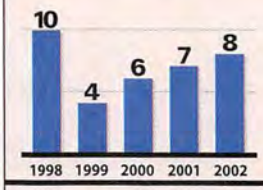
2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-4 PAC-10 *(beat New Mexico in the Las Vegas Bowl, 27-13)*

Official athletic Web site: www.uclabruins.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	@ Colorado	L	17-31
S.13	Illinois		
S.20	@ Oklahoma		
S.27	San Diego State	W	43-17
O.4	Washington	W	34-24
O.11	@ Arizona	W	37-7
O.18	California	L	17-12
O.25	Arizona State		
N.1	@ Stanford	W	28-18
N.8	@ Washington State	L	27-48
N.15	Oregon	L	30-31
N.22	@ USC	L	21-52

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 52/14

OFFENSE

QB	14	Drew Olson (6-2, 223, So.)
	7	Matt Moore (6-4, 181, So.)
FB	29	Manuel White (6-3, 247, Jr.)
	47	Pat Norton (6-1, 253, Jr.)
TB	2	Tyler Ebell (5-9, 171, So.)
	27	Akil Harris (6-0, 213, Sr.)
OT	73	Ed Blanton (6-9, 325, So.)
	70	Matt Mosebar (6-8, 294, So.)
OG	64	Eyoseph Efseaff (6-3, 305, Jr.)
	69	Tyson Clayton (6-2, 272, Sr.)
C	59	Mike McCloskey (6-5, 272, So.)
	54	Robert Chai (6-3, 277, Fr.)
OG	76	Steven Vieira (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	55	Shane Lehmann (6-5, 297, Sr.)
OT	74	Paul Mociler (6-5, 301, Jr.)
	75	Robert Cleary (6-7, 304, So.)
TE	89	Keith Carter (6-4, 246, So.)
	19	Marcedes Lewis (6-6, 250, So.)
WR	87	Craig Bragg (6-2, 189, Jr.)
	25	Ryan Smith (6-3, 213, Sr.)
FL	1	Tab Perry (6-3, 215, Sr.) (10)
	8	Junior Taylor (6-2, 197, So.) (3)

Defense

DE	49	Mat Ball (6-6, 275, Sr.)
	55	David Tautofi (6-2, 260, Sr.)
DT	77	Rodney Leisle (6-3, 288, Sr.)
	99	Thomas Patton (6-3, 263, Fr.)
DT	75	Ryan Boschetti (6-4, 291, Sr.)
	97	C.J. Niusulu (6-2, 300, So.)
DE	43	Dave Ball (6-6, 268, Sr.)
	35	Asi Faoa (6-4, 265, Sr.)
LB	11	Brandon Chillar (6-3, 233, Sr.)
	40	Wesley Walker (6-2, 222, So.)
LB	42	Dennis Link (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	9	Justin London (6-1, 235, So.)
LB	41	Spencer Havner (6-4, 229, So.)
	45	Patrick Pierre-Louis (6-0, 216, Jr.)
CB	6	Matt Clark (5-9, 171, Jr.)
	20	Glenn Ohaeri (5-9, 199, So.)
CB	17	Matt Ware (6-3, 201, Jr.)
	15	Marcus Cassel (6-0, 174, So.)
SS	4	Jarrad Page (6-1, 200, So.)
	36	Eric McNeal (6-2, 211, Fr.)
FS	24	Ben Emanuel II (6-3, 203, Jr.)
	32	Kevin Brant (6-0, 190, Sr.)

Specialists

PK	7	Justin Medlock (6-0, 193, Fr.)
P	39	Chris Kluwe (6-5, 212, Jr.)

Tough schedule should keep Dorrell from realizing his debut dreams with Bruins

When he fired Bob Toledo in December, UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero said he wanted the Bruins to compete for Pac-10 titles on a regular basis.

After taking a run at (and being rebuffed by) several high-profile coaches, Guerrero settled on former Bruin receiver Karl Dorrell, who had no head-coaching experience. Dorrell is intense but reserved—the antithesis of Toledo, who was always gregarious and sometimes too honest for his own good.

But unless Dorrell works a little first-year magic, the Bruins won't be competing for the league title just yet. Although they have 14 starters returning—and several of the best skill-position players in the conference—there probably are too many holes for the Bruins to overtake USC, Washington and Arizona State.

And with a grueling schedule that includes trips to Colorado and Oklahoma, the Bruins won't have much time to ease into new offensive and defensive systems.

For starters, UCLA needs a starting quarterback. Sophomores Drew Olson and Matt Moore, who shared time last season after a season-ending injury to starter Cory Paus, are the leading candidates. But for Bruin fans who grew tired of Paus' mistakes, injuries and off-the-field problems, it hardly matters who wins the job, so long as he wins.

The Bruins have the ingredients for a consistent running game to take the pressure off the young quarterbacks. Shifty sophomore Tyler Ebell was six yards shy of 1,000 last season, while 247-pound junior Manuel White is solid in short-yardage situations. Three starters return on the line, but replacing tackles Mike Saffer and Bryce Bohlander won't be easy.

"We'll take a long look at all the tackle candidates," Dorrell says.

Without solid play from the quarterback, the Bruins won't be able to take advantage of Tab Perry and Craig Bragg, perhaps the league's best pair of receivers. Bragg had 55 catches last year, and Perry, a terrific deep threat, averaged 19.9 yards per catch.

The most important defensive development in the offseason was not the hiring of Larry Kerr as coordinator but tackle Rodney Leisle's decision to return for his senior season. At 288 pounds, Leisle is a classic run-stopper and perhaps the best interior defensive lineman in the conference. The Ball brothers, Mat and Dave, are expected to start at end.

The back seven should be solid, assuming the Bruins can replace three-time all-conference cornerback Ricky Manning. The rest of the secondary returns intact, and that includes Matt Ware, a 6-foot-3 athlete extraordinaire. The Bruins are hoping Ware turns into the type of corner who shuts down half the field, like Chris McAlister did at Arizona a few years ago.

Spencer Havner and Brandon Chillar will handle the outside linebacker duties, but there is a hole in the middle—the spot formerly occupied by Marcus Reese.

Tyler Ebell, *RB*

CHRISTOPHER RUPPEL/GETTY IMAGES

STADIUM INFO
Name: Rose Bowl
Capacity: 91,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Karl Dorrell, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

ASST. COACHES
Steve Axman (off. coord./QBs), **Larry Kerr** (def. coord./LBs), **Jon Embree** (assistant head coach/WRs), **Gary Bernardi** (TEs/off. line/recruit. coord.), **Eric Bieniemy** (RBs), **Bary DeLoach** (secondary), **Don Johnson** (DL), **Brian Schneider** (OLBs/nickel backs), **Mark Weber** (OL)

Oregon DUCKS

CONFERENCE RANK: 7

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 3-5 PAC-10 *(lost to Wake Forest in the Seattle Bowl, 38-17)*

Official athletic Web site: www.goducks.com

'Quack Attack' looking to bounce back after underachieving 2002 performance

There was a time when seven wins and a bowl game—even a bowl loss—would have sparked a giddy offseason in Eugene, which has two seasons: Oregon football and Oregon basketball.

But not anymore. The Ducks' success in the past five years has pushed expectations to a new level. Seven wins are no longer enough, especially after a 6-0 start and Top 10 ranking last year.

Instead, the Ducks are smoldering over '02—over the 1-6 finish and the porous defense and the (gasp!) erratic offense. Satisfaction has been replaced by frustration. (They should have done better.) Hope has been replaced by determination. (They will do better.)

"It's very important to understand that we weren't happy with the way last season ended," Ducks coach Mike Bellotti says. "Whether it's our psyche or our confidence, I think it was lacking the second half of last season."

The Ducks' success is largely a function of their quarterback's success. Two years ago, with Joey Harrington, they won 11 games and the Fiesta Bowl. Last year, they played well when Jason Fife played well (early), and they struggled when Fife struggled (late).

In Fife's last four games, he threw four touchdowns and four interceptions. He was replaced in the Seattle Bowl (a 38-17 loss to Wake Forest) by Kellen Clemens, who will be a sophomore this season. They will compete for the starting job in training camp.

"Both quarterbacks need to see the field better," Bellotti says. "Jason also needs to work on his consistency, and Kellen needs to work on his decision-making."

NORM HALL

Haloti Ngata, *DT*

The offense returns eight starters, including the entire line. Center Dan Weaver is one of the best in the league. But the Ducks must replace their top playmakers—tailback Onterrio Smith, tight end George Wrighster and receiver Keenan Howry—who accounted for 50 percent of the Ducks' all-purpose yards and 37 percent of their scoring.

Junior college transfer Eddie Whitaker is the leading candidate to replace Wrighster. Samie Parker has secured one of the wideout spots, while Kellen Taylor and Keith Allen compete for Howry's job. Terrence Whitehead is the best bet at tailback.

There are just as many holes on a defense that ranked 115th in the country against the pass. Safety Keith Lewis anchors the secondary, but because of the Ducks' philosophy—defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti plays an aggressive style—the cornerbacks are often left in man-to-man coverage.

Without significant improvement from Steven Moore, Aaron Gipson and Marques Binns, the Ducks won't have much success against the league's best aerial attacks.

"We'll continue to evolve as a defense and part of that will be the implementation of some new schemes and strategies," Bellotti says.

The Ducks, who were 25th in the nation against the run in '02, have a terrific tackle combination in Igor Olshansky and Haloti Ngata. But there are questions at both end positions.

Linebacker Kevin Mitchell is the top returning tackler in the league, but the unit has no other proven players.

At least Oregon doesn't have to worry about its placekicking. Jared Siegel, a Groza Award finalist last season, returns for his junior year. He also might try punting.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Autzen Stadium
Capacity: 54,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

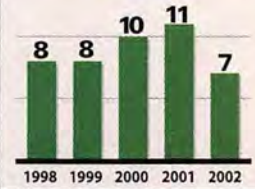
THE COACH
Mike Bellotti, 9th Year
Record: 67-29
Career Record: 90-54-2

ASST. COACHES
Neal Zoumboukos (assist. head coach/OL), **Nick Aliotti** (def. coord.), **Gary Campbell** (RBs), **Andy Ludwig** (off. coord.), **John Neal** (secondary), **Don Pellum** (LBs), **Robin Ross** (special teams/TEs), **Dan Ferrigno** (WRs), **Steve Greatwood** (DL), **Jim Radcliffe** (strength and conditioning)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Mississippi State	W	36-13
S.6	Nevada		
S.13	@ Arizona	W	31-14
S.20	Michigan		
S.27	Washington State	L	21-32
O.3	@ Utah		
O.11	@ Arizona State	L	42-45
O.25	Stanford	W	41-14
N.1	@ Washington	L	14-42
N.8	California		
N.15	@ UCLA	W	31-30
N.22	Oregon State	L	24-45

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/20

OFFENSE

QB	12	Jason Fife (6-4, 222, Sr.)
	11	Kellen Clemens (6-2, 214, So.)
FB	32	Matt Floberg (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	33	Luke Rowley (6-1, 233, Sr.)
TB	27	Ryan Shaw (5-11, 206, Jr.)
	24	Terrence Whitehead (5-10, 207, So.)
OT	72	Adam Snyder (6-6, 310, Jr.)
	62	Jermaine Randolph (6-5, 291, Fr.)
OG	74	Nick Steitz (6-4, 205, Jr.)
	59	Ian Reynoso (6-4, 297, So.)
C	63	Dan Weaver (6-5, 282, Sr.)
	79	Robin Knebel (6-6, 316, Jr.)
OG	77	Michael DeLaGrange (6-6, 328, Jr.)
	65	Josh Atkins (6-6, 319, Jr.)
TE	85	Tim Day (6-4, 268, So.)
	41	Josh Rogers (6-3, 265, Sr.)
WR	1	Samie Parker (5-11, 177, Sr.)
	8	Keith Allen (6-1, 207, Jr.)
WR	6	Demetrius Williams (6-2, 180, So.)
	80	Kellen Taylor (6-1, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Devan Long (6-5, 258, So.)
	30	Quinn Dorsey (6-4, 265, Sr.)
DT	96	Haloti Ngata (6-4, 339, So.)
	94	Junior Siavii (6-4, 323, Sr.)
DT	53	Igor Olshansky (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	99	Robby Balenzuela (6-2, 290, Jr.)
DE	47	Chris Solomona (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	45	Matt Toeaina (6-2, 266, Fr.)
LB	39	Kevin Mitchell (5-11, 220, Sr.)
	18	Ramone Reed (6-2, 215, Jr.)
LB	52	Jerry Matson (6-1, 224, Jr.)
	37	Justin Andrews (6-1, 242, So.)
LB	21	David Martin (6-0, 212, Sr.)
	84	Anthony Trucks (6-1, 216, Fr.)
CB	4	Steven Moore (5-9, 179, Sr.)
	11	Charles Favroth (5-11, 197, Jr.)
CB	5	Aaron Gipson (5-8, 179, So.)
	2	Marques Binns (5-11, 164, So.)
S	23	Marley Tucker (6-0, 181, Jr.)
	31	Justin Phinisee (5-10, 195, So.)
S	16	Ketih Lewis (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	7	Stephen Clayton (5-11, 193, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK		Jared Siegel (5-10, 193, Jr.)
	26	Travis Stright (5-10, 176, Fr.)
P	93	Drew Larson (6-3, 203, Fr.)
	91	Chris Annis (5-11, 197, Fr.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 8

Stanford CARDINAL

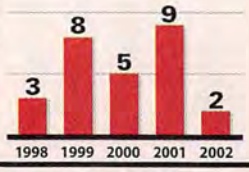
2002 Record: 2-9 overall, 1-7 PAC-10

Official athletic Web site: www.gostanford.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	San Jose State	W	63-26
S.20	@ Brigham Young		
S.27	@ Washington		
O.11	@ USC	L	17-49
O.18	Washington State	L	11-36
O.25	@ Oregon	L	14-41
N.1	UCLA	L	18-28
N.8	Arizona State	L	24-65
N.15	@ Oregon State	L	21-31
N.22	California	L	7-30
N.29	Notre Dame	L	7-31

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/20

OFFENSE		
QB	10	Chris Lewis (6-3, 215, Sr.)
	11	Kyle Matter (6-3, 195, So.)
FB	41	Cooper Blackhurst (6-4, 245, Sr.)
	34	Kris Bonifas (6-1, 230, So.)
RB	26	Kenneth Tolon (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	28	J.R. Lemon (6-1, 213, So.)
OT	67	Kirk Chambers (6-7, 315, Sr.)
	75	Matt McClernan (6-6, 260, Fr.)
OG	68	Ismail Simpson (6-5, 300, Fr.)
	74	David Beall (6-5, 300, Fr.)
C	71	Brian Head (6-4, 290, So.)
	73	Drew Caylor (6-6, 270, Sr.)
OG	70	Jeff Edwards (6-7, 265, Fr.)
	62	Tim Mattran (6-5, 292, Fr.)
OT	63	Mike Sullivan (6-7, 310, Sr.)
	78	Jon Cochran (6-6, 290, Fr.)
TE	88	Brett Pierce (6-6, 250, Sr.)
	81	Alex Smith (6-5, 245, Jr.)
WR	6	Luke Powell (5-8, 175, Sr.)
	80	Nick Sebes (5-11, 175, Jr.)
WR	23	Greg Camarillo (6-2, 195, Jr.)
	86	Gerren Crochet (6-1, 160, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	85	Will Svitek (6-7, 270, Jr.)
	94	Julian Jenkins (6-4, 250, So.)
DT	18	Amon Gordon (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	98	Scott Scharff (6-5, 275, Jr.)
NT	96	Babatunde Oshinowo (6-2, 310, So.)
	92	Casey Carroll (6-2, 280, So.)
DE	90	Louis Hobson (6-4, 255, Sr.)
	91	Michael Lovelady (6-5, 255, So.)
LB	17	Jared Newberry (6-3, 235, Jr.)
	37	Jon Alston (6-1, 210, So.)
LB	48	David Bergeron (6-4, 245, Jr.)
	54	Brian Gaffney (6-2, 233, Sr.)
LB	42	Michael Craven (6-1, 215, So.)
	47	Kevin Schimmelmann (6-3, 215, So.)
CB	2	Stanley Wilson (6-0, 184, Jr.)
	8	Grant Mason (6-0, 190, So.)
CB	29	Leigh Torrence (6-0, 177, Jr.)
	35	T.J. Rushing (5-10, 170, So.)
S	21	Oshiomogho Atogwe (5-11, 198, Jr.)
	34	Marcus McCutcheon (6-0, 180, So.)
S	46	Timi Wusu (6-3, 195, So.)
	24	Trevor Hooper (6-1, 190, Fr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	15	Michael Sgroi (5-11, 200, So.)
	39	Eric Johnson (5-11, 187, Sr.)
P	39	Eric Johnson (5-11, 187, Sr.)
	15	Michael Sgroi (5-11, 200, So.)

Last year's 'Cardinal Sin' of a team won't be repeated for Teevens with the help of experienced defense

Buddy Teevens did not do a good job in his first season as coach, and he'll be the first to admit it. But there were so many other problems, all outside of Teevens' control—an inexperienced defense, injuries to essential offensive personnel and a brutal schedule—that the Cardinal faithful took the season in stride.

But Teevens and his staff won't get much slack this fall if the Cardinal struggles again. Tight end Brett Pierce and receiver Luke Powell should be healthy. Eight defensive starters return, and the schedule is more palatable. Last season, Stanford was the only team from a BCS conference that played just five home games.

The Cardinal won't make significant improvement unless someone emerges as a top-flight quarterback. The best bet is senior Chris Lewis, who was suspended for the opener last season and missed the final five games with a shoulder injury. It was the worst season of Lewis' life, and he gave the coaching staff every indication that he would work as hard as necessary to avoid a repeat.

If Lewis does not rise to the challenge, then watch for sophomore Trent Edwards to challenge sophomore Kyle Matter for the job. Edwards is a huge talent but inexperienced. Matter is experienced but lacks the arm strength to properly execute Teevens' downfield passing game.

"We have to be extremely disciplined in our execution, and we weren't last year," Teevens says. "And we need to protect the ball, which we didn't do. That's going to be a huge emphasis."

Luke Powell, WR

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The Cardinal lost two underclassmen to the NFL—offensive tackle Kwame Harris and receiver Teyo Johnson. With Powell, Pierce and Alex Smith, there are enough good receivers to compensate for Johnson's departure. But replacing Harris is another matter. The line lacks both depth and experience, and several redshirt freshmen will join the rotation.

"In three classes, we have two linemen," Teevens says. "So the one class with seven (the freshmen) is the one we'll rely on."

Stanford lost starting tailback Kerry Carter, but shifty reserve Kenneth Tolon has breakaway speed and runs with the urgency Carter often lacked.

The defense was one of the fastest in Stanford history last season, but it was woefully inexperienced, with eight freshmen and sophomores playing in passing situations.

This season, the Cardinal should be fast and savvy. Eight starters and many of the top reserves return, led by playmaking end Amon Gordon and hard-hitting safety Oshiomogho Atogwe.

Michael Craven, David Bergeron and Jon Alston form a talented group of linebackers, but they must reduce the number of big plays allowed. Opponents converted third-and-long situations at an amazing rate last season.

If Gordon, Louis Hobson and Julian Jenkins produce a consistent pass rush, then Leigh Torrence and Stanley Wilson should become effective cornerbacks.

The schedule remains difficult, with three of the first four on the road. But if the offensive line solidifies and someone emerges at quarterback—be it Lewis or Edwards or Matter—the Cardinal could challenge for an upper-division finish.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Stanford Stadium
Capacity: 85,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Buddy Teevens, 2nd Year
Record: 2-9
Career Record: 46-78-1

ASST. COACHES
A.J. Christoff (co-def. coord./secondary), **Bill Cubit** (QBs), **David Kelly** (assoc. head coach/off. coord./WRs), **Peter McCarty** (DEs), **Steve Morton** (OL), **Wayne Moses** (RBs), **Tom Quinn** (TEs/special teams/recruit. coord.), **Dave Tipton** (assist. head coach/DTs/assoc. recruit. coord.)

California GOLDEN BEARS

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 9

2002 Record: 7-5 overall, 4-4 PAC-10

Official athletic Web site: www.calbears.com

Jeff Tedford did a terrific job last season in guiding previously abysmal Cal to a fourth-place conference finish. But in some respects, Tedford has a tougher task this season.

Instead of overseeing an experienced, talented team in desperate need of an attitude adjustment, Tedford now possesses a disciplined, confident team that lacks experience.

The Bears lost 15 starters and all their top playmakers: quarterback Kyle Boller, receiver LaShaun Ward, defensive ends Tully Banta-Cain and Tom Canada, cornerback Jemeel Powell and tailback Joe Igber.

With no proven quarterback, only two returning starters on defense and a tougher schedule, the Bears will be hard pressed to earn their first bowl bid in seven years. They were ineligible for postseason competition in '02 because of NCAA rules violations committed under former coach Tom Holmoe.

Tedford's greatest concern is quarterback. Junior Reggie Robertson and junior college transfer Aaron Rodgers, who did not participate in spring practice, are the top contenders to replace Boller, a four-year starter.

With a new quarterback and a mediocre cast of returning receivers, the Bears need production from tailback Adimchinobe Echemandu, who did not play last season because of torn knee ligaments. Three starters return on the offensive line, including tackle Mark Wilson, who has started every game the last three seasons.

To say the defense was decimated by graduation would be an understatement. The most experienced returnees are cornerback James Bethea and rover Donnie McCleskey, and they started just seven games last season. Defensive tackles Lorenzo Alexander and Josh Beckham started six games, while inside linebacker Wendell Hunter had five starts.

But that's it. There's not a full-time starter to be found.

Tedford recruited to need: 18 of his 28 newcomers play defense. But the Pac-10, with all its high-octane offenses, is not the place to learn on the job. Add a massive hole at quarterback, and the Bears should return to the league's lower echelon.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.23	@ Kansas State
A.30	Southern Miss
S.6	Colorado State
S.11	@ Utah
S.20	@ Illinois
S.27	USC
O.4	Oregon State
O.18	@ UCLA
O.25	Arizona
N.1	@ Arizona State
N.8	@ Oregon
N.15	Washington
N.22	@ Stanford

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 8
Lettermen returning/lost: 39/23

OFFENSE		
QB	17	Reggie Robertson (6-2, 190, Jr.)
FB	27	Chris Manderino (6-1, 230, So.)
TB	18	Adimchinobe Echemandu (6-0, 225, Sr.)
OT	63	Mark Wilson (6-6, 295, Sr.)
OG	55	Jonathan Giesel (6-4, 300, Jr.)
C	74	Nolan Bluntzer (6-4, 275, Sr.)
OG	70	David Hays (6-3, 290, Sr.)
OT	78	Chris Murphy (6-6, 310, Sr.)
TE	11	Brandon Hall (6-4, 245, Sr.)
WR	5	Jonathan Makonnen (6-0, 175, Sr.)
WR	6	Geoff McArthur (6-1, 200, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	94	Tosh Lupoi (6-3, 250, Jr.)
DT	76	Lorenzo Alexander (6-3, 295, Jr.)
NT	72	Tom Sverchek (6-3, 295, Jr.)
DE	91	Monte Parson (6-3, 265, Sr.)
LB	40	Wendell Hunter (6-1, 230, Jr.)
LB	58	Brian Tremblay (6-1, 235, Jr.)
LB	42	Ryan Estes (6-2, 215, So.)
CB	3	James Bethea (6-0, 190, Sr.)
CB	22	Tim Mixon (5-8, 170, Fr.)
S	23	Ryan Gutierrez (6-0, 180, Jr.)
S	21	Donnie McCleskey (5-10, 180, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	16	Tyler Fredrickson (6-3, 220, Sr.)
P	16	Tyler Fredrickson (6-3, 220, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 76,700
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Jeff Tedford, 2nd Year
Record: 7-5
Career Record: 7-5

Arizona WILDCATS

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 10

2002 Record: 4-8 overall, 1-7 PAC-10

Official athletic Web site: www.arizonaathletics.com

Arizona must find a quarterback, install a new defense, rebuild its offensive line and regroup from a last-place finish.

For most teams, those issues would be the priority. But not for the Wildcats. Before they do anything else, they must decide if they want to play for coach John Mackovic.

Mackovic's arrogant, impersonal manner prompted a player revolt last season as the Wildcats slogged to a 4-8 record and one victory in the conference. He retained his job only after apologizing publicly and promising to change his ways.

But numerous questions remain—questions that cannot be answered until the season begins. Are the players sold on Mackovic? Are they willing to sacrifice for him? What happens if he loses his cool and insults someone after a tough loss? What happens if the season turns sour in September?

Mackovic's chances to survive depend, in part, on whether tailback Clarence Farmer is reinstated after being suspended from team functions in the spring. Farmer was injured most of last season, but when healthy he is one of the Pac-10's best.

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Clarence Farmer, *RB*

Plenty of problems loom. The offensive line is porous, having allowed 52 sacks last season. The receiving corps is unproven. There is no experienced quarterback. Nic Costa and Ryan O'Hara are the top candidates to replace Jason Johnson. But Mackovic plans to take a long look at freshmen Richard Kovalcheck and Kris Heavner at training camp.

New defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz has scrapped the double-eagle flex that Arizona used for years, and with great success. Instead, the Wildcats will use a 3-4 alignment. (The flex relies on quickness; Mackovic prefers size.) Joe Siofele moves from defensive end to inside linebacker in the new alignment.

The secondary's performance depends on cornerback Michael Jolivette, who is recovering from a knee injury.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	UTEP
S.6	LSU
S.13	Oregon
S.20	@ Purdue
S.27	TCU
O.4	@ Washington State
O.11	UCLA
O.25	@ California
N.1	@ Oregon State
N.8	Washington
N.15	USC
N.28	@ Arizona State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/19

OFFENSE		
QB	7	Nic Costa (5-11, 200, So.)
FB	36	Gilbert Harris (6-1, 215, So.)
HB	26	Mike Bell (6-0, 210, So.)
OT	72	Tanner Bell (6-8, 324, So.)
OG	75	Reggie Sampay (6-3, 295, Sr.)
C	67	Keoki Fraser (6-3, 300, Jr.)
OG	66	Kili Lefotu (6-5, 298, So.)
OT	68	Brandon Phillips (6-8, 330, Sr.)
TE	46	Matt Padron (6-5, 259, Fr.-RS)
WR	4	Andrae Thurman (6-0, 185, Sr.)
WR	18	Lance Relford (6-0, 200, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	92	Carlos Williams (6-5,4, 295, Jr.)
NT	99	Vince Feula (6-0, 300, Jr.)
DE	91	Brad Brittain (6-5, 285, So.)
LB	56	Andre Torrey (6-4, 250, Jr.-RS)
LB	83	Copeland Bryan (6-4, 235, So.)
LB	42	Joe Siofele (6-2, 260, Sr.)
LB	44	Patrick Howard (5-11, 225, Jr.)
CB	9	Gary Love (5-10, 180, Sr.)
CB	3	Jason Martin (5-10, 175, So.)
SS	33	Clay Hardt (6-2, 200, Sr.)
FS	6	Darrell Brooks (6-0, 192, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	28	Bobby Gill (5-11, 190, Jr.)
P	43	Danny Baugher (5-10, 185, So.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Arizona Stadium
Capacity: 56,197
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

John Mackovic, 3rd Year
Record: 9-14
Career Record: 94-78-3

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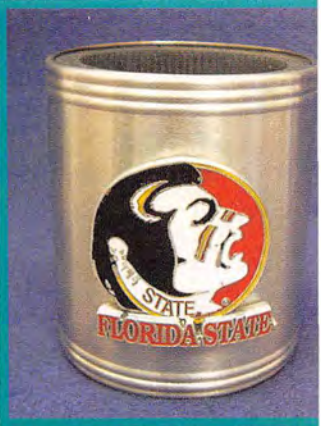

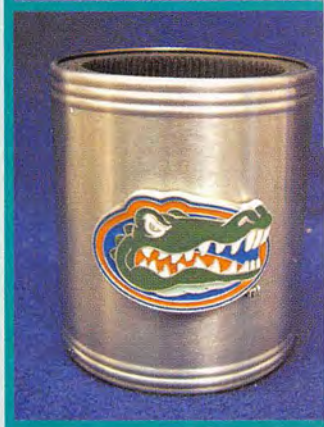

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Can Tuberville and Auburn stop league's five-year drought of national titles?

By SCOTT RABALAIS
The (Baton Rouge, La.) Advocate

Is the Southeastern Conference slipping? After a flood of great teams in the 1990s—Alabama, Florida and Tennessee won national championships and the Gators and Vols played for two others—the first three seasons of this decade have been a drought by comparison.

No trips to the Bowl Championship Series title game—the closest a team has come was Tennessee before it was upset by LSU in the 2001 SEC Championship Game. Georgia finished No. 3 at 13-1 last year, but even if the Bulldogs hadn't lost to Florida in Jacksonville it's dubious whether Georgia would have leapfrogged either Ohio State or Miami to get into the Fiesta Bowl.

With the National Championship Game back in the SEC champion's traditional BCS game, the Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, you know SEC fans are desperate to see one of their own playing for No. 1.

But who?

Some are touting Auburn, and the Tigers are the league's preseason favorite. But Auburn hasn't been a national player in many years.

Tennessee? Florida? The Vols and Gators both finished 8-5 and out of the national rankings last year.

Games to watch

Southern California at Auburn, Aug. 30
A huge measuring stick for two would-be national-title contenders.

Georgia at Tennessee, Oct. 11
Supremacy in the SEC East will be at stake in Neyland Stadium.

Auburn at LSU, Oct. 25
A Tiger should win the SEC West. This game will probably decide which one.

Georgia was close in 2002, but the Bulldogs were ravaged by graduation and early NFL defections.

Still, Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, who led the Volunteers to the SEC's most recent national championship in 1998, carries the banner for the league.

"I think top to bottom it is (the best)," Fulmer says. "Year in and year out, the team that wins the SEC can compete with anyone in the country. Usually there are two or three teams.

"But it goes in cycles. It depends on who's healthy, what their schedule looks like, who plays who. How many seniors have you got? Is your quarterback back? All that is important."

Apparently, if you're living in it, it's as tough as it's always been.

ALL-SEC TEAM

OFFENSE

WR—**Derek Abney**, sr., Kentucky
WR—**Michael Clayton**, jr., LSU
OL—**Shawn Andrews**, jr., Arkansas
OL—**Wesley Britt**, jr., Alabama
OL—**Antonio Hall**, sr., Kentucky
OL—**Stephen Peterman**, sr., LSU
OL—**Justin Smiley**, jr., Alabama
QB—**Eli Manning**, sr., Ole Miss
RB—**Carnell Williams**, jr., Auburn
RB—**Shaud Williams**, sr., Alabama
TE—**Ben Troupe**, sr., Florida
PK—**Billy Bennett**, sr., Georgia

DEFENSE

DL—**Vincent Burns**, jr., Kentucky
DL—**Chad Lavalais**, sr., LSU
DL—**Antwan Odom**, jr., Alabama
DL—**David Pollack**, jr., Georgia
LB—**Tony Bua**, sr., Arkansas
LB—**Karlos Dansby**, sr., Auburn
LB—**Brooks Daniels**, sr., Alabama
DB—**Rashad Baker**, sr., Tennessee
DB—**Kentrell Curry**, sr., Georgia
DB—**Keiwan Ratliff**, sr., Florida
DB—**Corey Webster**, sr., LSU
P—**Dustin Colquitt**, jr., Tennessee

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Dallas Baker**, WR, Florida
Best hands: **Damien Gary**, WR, Georgia
Best passing QB: **David Greene**, Georgia
Best option QB: **Matt Jones**, Arkansas
Most elusive RB: **Shyrone Carey**, LSU
Best instincts: **Karlos Dansby**, LB, Auburn
Best athlete: **Ray Ray Bivines**, WR, Mississippi State
Best under pressure: **Eli Manning**, QB, Ole Miss
Top NFL prospect: **Shawn Andrews**, OT, Arkansas
Top impact freshman: **Chris Leak**, QB, Florida
Hardest hitter: **Tony Bua**, LB, Arkansas
Biggest underachiever: **Lemarcus Rowell**, LB, Auburn

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Nick Saban**, LSU
Best recruiter: **Ron Zook**, Florida
Coach on the spot: **Jackie Sherrill**, Mississippi State

Don't be surprised if ...

Florida has to turn the offense over to freshman QB Chris Leak and the Gators end up out of the bowl picture.

One man's opinion

"The year they were picked to finish last (in the West), they won it. Maybe it's not such a bad place for them to be picked."

—an SEC coach referring to Mississippi State's last-place prediction for the SEC West

Rating the recruits

1. LSU
The Tigers filled their needs and signed high-profile players like QB JaMarcus Russell and RB Alley Broussard.

2. Florida
Talent, talent everywhere—QB Chris Leak, DE Jarvis Moss, RB Joe Cohen. Good thing, because a lot of them may have to play.

3. Georgia
Dawgs need instant help and could get it from RB Kregg Lumpkin, OL Zeb McKinzey and LB Danny Verdun.

4. Tennessee
Vols go global as usual (20 signees, nine states).

5. South Carolina
Running back Demetris Summers headlines a class that may help the Gamecocks make strides in the SEC.

6. Mississippi State
Considering NCAA investigation, Sherrill did a remarkable job.

7. Auburn
Landed a lineman-heavy class.

8. Arkansas
Did great in-state, but needed more linemen.

9. Ole Miss
Late addition of QB Robert Lane made things memorable.

10. Alabama
Some will always want to play for 'Bama, but NCAA probation has meant just 37 signees the last two years.

11. Kentucky
Quarterback Andre Woodson was a nice catch.

12. Vanderbilt
A hand-operated effort competing with football machines can't keep pace.

Tennessee VOLUNTEERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-3 SEC *(lost to Maryland in the Peach Bowl, 30-3)*

Official athletic Web site: www.utsports.com

Rocky Top could be home, sweet home for Vols again if injury bug stays away

If you were even a casual fan of Tennessee football last year you know the numbers.

Nineteen starters missed 71 games. There haven't been so many casualties in Tennessee since the Civil War.

A tidal wave of wrenched joints and broken bones was a big reason the Volunteers fell from a preseason No. 4 ranking and the favorite's role in the SEC race to an 8-5 record that ended with an embarassing 30-3 Peach Bowl loss to Maryland.

"We've never had anything like that," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer says. "But in a lot of ways an 8-4 regular season could have been 4-8 if the team and the staff didn't work hard not to let that happen."

Fulmer would probably be upbeat about this season if for no other reason than he figures his luck has to change with regard to injuries.

There are other reasons, though, like a desire thrumming through this Tennessee team to get the program back to the kind of winning it's used to.

"I like the attitude of this team a lot," Fulmer says."I would expect our team to rebound and fight back. Last year was a learning year. We've got a lot to do yet. But we're hungry."

Another reason for optimism is that Fulmer is one of those lucky SEC coaches who welcomes back an experienced quarterback. In Tennessee, that man is senior Casey Clausen, who threw for 2,297 yards last year to move into second place in Tennessee history in passing and total yards behind only Peyton Manning.

Clausen missed some time with injuries last year. So did junior tailback Cedric Houston, who returns after rushing for 779 yards and six touchdowns. But Houston will be pushed by juniors Jabari Davis and Derrick Tinsley and sophomore Gerald Riggs.

Junior Tony Brown replaced Kelley Washington as the Vols' top receiver last year and returns in that role this season. A veteran group of linemen return, among them junior tackle Michael Munoz.

Tennessee must rebuild its defensive line around end Constantin Ritzmann, who sat out all of 2002 with a knee injury. Linebackers Kevin Burnett and Kevin Simon were also bitten by the injury bug last year, but will be expected to perform well as starting linebackers. Senior free safety Rashad Baker, one of the Vols' two returning All-SEC picks, directs the secondary.

The Vols can't be criticized for ducking any tough non-conference opponents. They'll play a traditionally tough slate this fall. Tennessee opens with a pair of risky mid-majors at home: Fresno State on Aug. 30 and Marshall on Sept. 6. Tennessee is typically tough in November—36-3 in that month under Fulmer—but that success will be tested with a Nov. 8 trip to Miami.

The Fresno and Marshall games will be preludes to the annual epic with Florida, in Gainesville this year on Sept. 20. Tennessee travels to Auburn on Oct. 4, then comes home for what could be a decisive SEC East showdown with Georgia on Oct. 11 before an Oct. 25 game at Alabama.

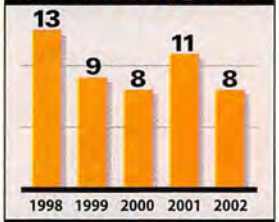
Casey Clausen, *QB*

DAVID DUROCHIK/SPORTPICS

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A. 30	Fresno State		
S. 6	Marshall		
S. 20	@ Florida	L	13-30
S. 27	South Carolina	W	18-10
O. 4	@ Auburn		
O. 11	Georgia	L	13-18
O. 25	@ Alabama	L	14-34
N. 1	Duke		
N. 8	@ Miami (FL)	L	3-26
N. 15	Mississippi State	W	35-17
N. 22	Vanderbilt	W	24-0
N. 29	Kentucky	W	24-0

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 54/22

OFFENSE		
QB	7	Casey Clausen (6-4, 225, Sr.)
	11	James Banks (6-3, 200, So.)
FB	27	Troy Fleming (6-2, 226, Sr.)
	45	William Revill (6-1, 250, So.)
TB	21	Cedric Houston (6-0, 215, Jr.)
	34	Jabari Davis (6-0, 225, Jr.)
LT	77	Michael Munoz (6-6, 305, Jr.)
	74	Richie Gandy (6-5, 295, So.)
LG	63	Jason Respert (6-3, 305, Jr.)
	75	Anthony Herrera (6-4, 305, Sr.)
C	64	Scott Wells (6-2, 300, Sr.)
	67	Chuck Prugh (6-3, 310, Sr.)
RG	60	Chavis Smith (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	70	Cody Douglas (6-4, 315, So.)
RT	66	Sean Young (6-7, 310, Sr.)
	70	Cody Douglas (6-4, 315, So.)
TE	83	Victor McCkure (6-4, 290, Jr.)
	88	Jake Finlayson (6-5, 260, So.)
WR	81	Tony Brown (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	17	C.J. Fayton (6-2, 190, So.)
WR	10	Mark Jones (5-9, 185, Sr.)
	4	Jonathan Wade (6-0, 180, So.)
DEFENSE		
LE	46	Karlton Neal (6-4, 255, Jr.)
	89	J.T. Mapu (6-3, 265, So.)
LT	96	Greg Jones (6-6, 300, So.)
	85	Matt McGlothlin (6-0, 280, Fr.)
RT	90	Mondre Dickerson (6-5, 265, Jr.)
	92	Justin Harrell (6-4, 300, Fr.)
RE	6	Constantin Ritzmann (6-4, 255, Sr.)
	98	Parys Haralson (6-2, 240, So.)
SLB	35	Jason Mitchell (6-1, 220, So.)
	5	Kevin Simon (5-1, 225, So.)
MLB	41	Robert Peace (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	5	Kevin Simon (5-1, 225, So.)
WLB	2	Kevin Burnett (6-3, 235, Jr.)
	35	Jason Mitchell (6-1, 220, So.)
LCB	24	Antwan Stewart (6-0, 180, Fr.)
	18	Jason Allen (6-2, 200, So.)
RCB	33	Jabari Greer (5-10, 175, Sr.)
	22	Robert Boulware (5-10, 185, So.)
SS	8	Gibril Wilson (6-1, 190, Sr.)
	42	Shannon Benton (5-10, 185, So.)
FS	16	Rashad Baker (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	29	O.J. Owens (6-0, 205, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	25	James Wilhoit (5-10, 190, Fr.)
	30	Philip Newman (6-1, 190, Sr.)
P	47	Dustin Colquitt (6-2, 196, Jr.)
	19	John Henderson (6-0, 220, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Neyland Stadium
Capacity: 104,079
Playing Surface: Grass

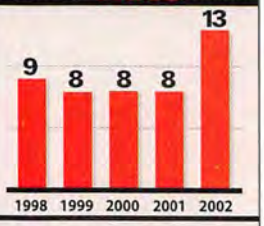
THE COACH
Phillip Fulmer, 12th Year
Record: 103-25
Career Record: 103-25-0

ASST. COACHES
John Chavis (asst. head coach/def. coord./LBs), **Randy Sanders** (off. coord./QBs), **Greg Adkins** (TEs/OL/recruiting coord.), **Dan Brooks** (DL), **Steve Caldwell** (DEs/special teams), **Woody McCorvey** (RBs), **Larry Slade** (DBs), **Jimmy Ray Stephens** (OL), **Pat Washington** (WRs), **David Blackburn** (assist. ath. dir. of football oper.), **Condredge Holloway** (assist. ath. dir./player relations), **Johnny Long** (stren. and cond.)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Clemson	W	31-28
S.6	Middle Tennessee		
S.13	South Carolina	W	13-7
S.20	@ LSU		
O.4	Alabama	W	27-25
O.11	@ Tennessee	W	18-13
O.18	@ Vanderbilt	W	48-17
O.25	UAB		
N.1	Florida (at Jville, FL)	L	13-20
N.15	Auburn	W	24-21
N.22	Kentucky	W	52-24
N.29	Georgia Tech	W	51-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/25

OFFENSE

QB	14	David Greene (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	3	D.J. Shockley (6-1, 195, RSo.)
FB	41	Jeremy Thomas (5-11, 258, RSo.)
	35	Chris Hickman (5-11, 248, RFr.)
TB	9	Tony Milton (5-10, 200, RFr.)
	31	Tyson Browning (5-8, 160, RFr.)
ST	66	Dennis Roland (6-9, 309, RSo.)
	72	Daniel Inman (6-7, 315, RFr.)
SG	60	Josh Brock (6-3, 295, So.)
	67	Reggie Weeks (6-4, 295, RSo.)
C	50	Russ Tanner (6-4, 290, RSo.)
	65	Randall Swoopes (6-2, 300, RFr.)
TG	73	Bartley Miller (6-4, 304, So.)
	67	Reggie Weeks (6-4, 295, RSo.)
TT	74	Max Jean-Gilles (6-4, 348, So.)
	66	Dennis Roland (6-9, 309, RSo.)
TE	89	Benjamin Watson (6-3, 255, Sr.)
	84	Robert Brannon (6-4, 245, Sr.)
SE	25	Michael Johnson (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	1	Reggie Brown (6-1, 195, Jr.)
FLK	82	Fred Gibson (6-4, 196, Jr.)
	18	Damien Gary (5-10, 178, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	58	Will Thompson (6-3, 240, Jr.)
	90	Robert Geathers (6-3, 270, Jr.)
DT	97	Kedric Golston (6-4, 295, So.)
	98	Darrius Swain (6-2, 325, So.)
NT	96	Ken Veal (6-1, 305, Sr.)
	92	Gerald Anderson (6-2, 325, RSo.)
DE	47	David Pollack (6-3, 278, Jr.)
	91	Shedrick Wynn (6-2, 265, Sr.)
SAM	10	Thomas Davis (6-1, 220, RSo.)
	46	Arnold Harrison (6-3, 224, Jr.)
MKE	53	Derrick White (6-2, 223, Jr.)
		Odell Thurman (6-1, 225, RSo.)
WIL	43	Tony Taylor (6-1, 220, So.)
	55	Derrick Holloway (6-4, 228, Jr.)
CB	22	Decory Bryant (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	2	DeMario Minter (6-1, 185, So.)
CB	7	Bruce Thornton (5-10, 195, Sr.)
	23	Tim Jennings (5-8, 164, So.)
ROV	4	Kentrell Curry (6-1, 198, Sr.)
	15	Kenny Bailey (5-11, 197, Jr.)
FS	6	Sean Jones (6-2, 212, Jr.)
	17	Greg Blue (6-2, 200, RSo.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	30	Billy Bennett (5-8, 175, Sr.)
P	12	Lee Jackson (5-9, 185, RSo.)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** **2**

Georgia BULLDOGS

2002 Record: 13-1 overall, 7-1 SEC *(beat Florida State in the Sugar Bowl, 26-13)*

Official athletic Web site: www.georgiadogs.com

Despite leadership of Greene and Pollack, Dawgs have some growing up to do

After the Bulldogs captured their first SEC championship since Herschel Walker was a pup and won 13 games for the first time in school history, the bill came due for Georgia. The cheers had barely stopped ringing through the Superdome for the Bulldogs' 26-13 Sugar Bowl win over Florida State before the players started leaving the stage. First in a trickle, then at a dead run.

Georgia lost its leading rusher (Musa Smith), receiver (Terrence Edwards), top two tacklers (Boss Bailey and Tony Gilbert), even its punter (Jonathan Kilgo).

"We have a lot of work to do," Georgia coach Mark Richt says. "Our offensive line is gone. Our linebacker corps is gone. We lost eight of 11 starters on offense. We're trying to learn how to win again."

Before anyone writes off the Bulldogs as one-hit wonders, it's worth noting that they still have some players who can teach the opposition a thing or two. Players like junior quarterback David Greene, the SEC's Offensive Player of the Year from 2002. And junior David Pollack, who had an All-American turn at defensive end as a sophomore.

Pollack is determined not to let the Bulldogs go 20 years between SEC championships again.

"There won't be another 20-year drought for this program," Pollack says. "We've started something. We didn't reach the National Championship Game, but you've got to crawl before you can walk. This is just the first step in getting Georgia back on the national map."

Helping get the Bulldogs up to speed offensively will be junior wide receiver Fred Gibson. One of just three returning offensive starters, Gibson will likely replace Edwards as Greene's go-to receiver.

Running back Smith left early for the NFL and will be replaced by sophomore Tony Milton. The Bulldogs also got a big boost when tight end Ben Watson reversed field and said he would return for his senior year after first announcing he was also bolting early for the NFL.

Defensively, Georgia only had to replace four starters, a big improvement from the urban renewal on offense.

Having Pollack back gives the Bulldogs a strong foundation for one of the SEC's best defenses from last year. Of his 102 tackles, 23 were for losses, including 14 sacks.

Pollack and junior Will Thompson give Georgia the SEC's premier set of defensive ends. They'll have to be good to protect a green linebacker corps. However, the Bulldogs' defensive secondary returns intact behind Kentrell Curry, a senior All-SEC roverback who led Georgia with four interceptions a year ago.

"Right now we're trying to see who we can rely on," Richt says. "We're still trying to piece the puzzle together."

The pieces better be in place by the end of August, because a traditionally strenuous schedule awaits the Bulldogs. Georgia faces Alabama and Auburn at home and, of course, Florida in Jacksonville, where the Bulldogs have only beaten the Gators once since 1990. Greene is 8-0 on the road as a starter, and that's good, because Georgia travels to Clemson, LSU and Tennessee.

David Greene, *QB*

PHILIP M. WILLIAMS

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Sanford Stadium **Capacity:** 86,520 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Mark Richt,** 3rd Year **Record:** 21-5 **Career Record:** 21-5-0	**Neil Callaway** (off. coord./OL), **Brian VanGorder** (def. coord./LBs), Mike Bobo (QBs), **John Eason** (assist. head coach/WRs), **Dave Van Halanger** (strength and conditioning), **Jon Fabris** (DEs), **Rodney Garner** (DL/recruiting coord.), **David Johnson** (TEs), **Willie Martinez** (secondary), **Ken Rucker** (RBs)

Florida GATORS

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 6-2 SEC *(lost to Michigan in the Outback Bowl, 38-30)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gatorzone.com

Gators have too many holes to fill for business to return to usual

Say this about new Florida coach Ron Zook: He may not have been able to win like Steve Spurrier in his first year, but he does make an impression.

Though the Gators went 8-5 and finished out of the national rankings last season, Zook rebounded to sign arguably the nation's top recruiting class. Then he declined a pay raise like he would an offsides penalty after a long pass, saying he would prefer to earn it first.

You'd have to think Zook a glass-is-half-full kind of guy. He believes better days are around the corner. The fact that there might be a dump truck around the corner waiting to smack into him is of no consequence.

"We are going to be young," Zook says of his team. "These guys are going to fly around and play with energy and make some things happen. They'll get experience and they'll get it quick."

That's certainly the optimistic view. Maybe that's the only way Zook can deal with bidding farewell to five starters on offense—including the starting quarterback, leading rusher and leading receiver—and eight starters on defense.

"This year we have a lot of guys who haven't played a lot of football," Zook says. "But we are very athletic, and we have guys who just need to get in playing situations as much as possible and have them improve."

The Gators will dig deep to find a capable quarterback after Rex Grossman left early for the NFL with a 23-8 worksheet as a starter and 18 Florida passing records. In his place, Florida may resort to playing a quarterback who has never thrown a pass in the blue and orange.

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Carlos Perez, *WR*

Sophomore Ingle Martin has the edge in experience, actually having thrown 10 passes in 2002, but the Gators were thinking seriously at press time about turning to either redshirt freshman Gavin Dickey or incoming freshman Chris Leak. Leak is the younger brother of Tennessee backup quarterback C.J. Leak and has been touted as the nation's top prep quarterback.

Senior Ran Carthon, son of new Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator and ex-New York Giants' running back Maurice Carthon, takes over at tailback for Earnest Graham. Wide receiver Taylor Jacobs is gone too, but the Gators still have seniors Carlos Perez and Kelvin Kight to throw to.

Florida returns essentialy five starting defensive backs but lost five seniors and two juniors who opted for the NFL and accounted for 80 percent of Florida's snaps in 2002. Senior defensive ends Bobby McCray and Darrell Lee are back, as are senior safety Guss Scott and cornerback Keiwan Ratliff. Senior free safety Daryl Dixon is back after missing the 2002 season with a shoulder injury.

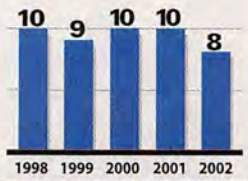
When he was defensive coordinator with the New Orleans Saints, Zook had preseason games in which to get his players together. Unfortunately for him, Florida's games all count—including a big one to start.

The Gators play at Miami on Sept. 6, the first meeting between the schools since 1987, and close Nov. 29 against Florida State in Gainesville. The SEC schedule includes home games with Tennessee, Ole Miss and Vanderbilt, but most of the toughest tests are away from The Swamp: at LSU on Oct. 11, at Arkansas on Oct. 18 and Georgia Nov. 1 in Jacksonville.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	San Jose State		
S.6	@ Miami (FL)	L	16-41
S.13	Florida A&M		
S.20	Tennessee	W	30-13
S.27	@ Kentucky	W	41-34
O.4	Mississippi	L	14-17
O.11	@ LSU	L	7-36
O.18	@ Arkansas		
N.1	Georgia (at Jville, FL)	W	20-13
N.8	Vanderbilt	W	21-17
N.15	@ South Carolina	W	28-7
N.29	Florida State	L	30-38

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/18

OFFENSE

QB	10	Ingle Martin (6-3, 219, So.)
	17	Gavin Dickey (5-10, 195, Fr.)
FB	41	Ray Snell (5-11, 235, Jr.)
	45	Eddie Hatch (5-11, 212, So.)
TB	33	Ran Carthon (5-11, 218, Sr.)
	21	Deshaun Wynn (5-11, 224, Fr.)
LT	77	Max Starks (6-7, 349, Sr.)
	76	Tavarus Washington (6-4, 295, Jr.)
LG	75	Shannon Snell (6-4, 310, Sr.)
	64	Anthony Guerrero (6-2, 315, Jr.)
C	68	Mike Degory (6-5, 309, So.)
	65	Billy Griffin (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RG	65	Billy Griffin (6-3, 285, Jr.)
	52	Rob Smith (6-5, 308, So.)
RT	74	Randy Hand (6-6, 309, So.)
	78	Jonathan Colon (6-7, 310, Jr.)
TE	84	Ben Troupe (6-4, 262, Sr.)
	88	David Kenner (6-3, 269, Jr.)
WR	23	Carlos Perez (5-11, 193, Sr.)
	2	Kelvin Kight (6-0, 200, Sr.)
WR	81	Dallas Baker (6-3, 196, So.)
	80	Reggie Vickers (5-11, 169, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LE	57	Bobby McCray (6-6, 245, Sr.)
	93	Steven Harris (6-5, 240, Fr.)
LT	62	Ronald Dowdy (6-4, 276, Jr.)
	56	Eric Holcombe (6-2, 296, Jr.)
RT	58	Kenny Parker (6-2, 293, Jr.)
	61	Mo Mitchell (6-7, 240, Jr.)
RE	86	Darrell Lee (6-4, 267, Sr.)
	27	Travis Harris (6-2, 239, Jr.)
SLB	13	Brian Crum (6-2, 217, Fr.)
	40	Reid Fleming (6-0, 233, Sr.)
MLB	43	Matt Farrior (6-1, 233, Sr.)
	92	Taurean Charles (6-1, 229, Fr.)
WLB	47	Todd McCullough (6-5, 225, Jr.)
	29	Dwright Jackson (6-2, 216, Sr.)
CB	24	Deshawn Carter (6-0, 186, So.)
	31	Johnny Lamar (5-10, 181, Sr.)
CB	1	Keiwan Ratliff (5-10, 178, Sr.)
	36	Nick Brooks (6-0, 198, Fr.)
SS	9	Guss Scott (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	7	Cory Bailey (5-11, 185, Jr.)
FS	34	Daryl Dixon (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	46	Jarvis Herring (5-11, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	14	Matt Leach (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	38	Matt Piotrowicz (5-11, 199, Jr.)
P	92	Sean Morton (6-3, 182, Sr.)
	—	Eric Wilbur (6-2, 190. Fr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
Capacity: 83,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Ron Zook, 2nd Year
Record: 8-5-0
Career Record: 8-5-0

ASST. COACHES
Ed Zaunbrecher (off. coord./QBs), **Dwayne Dixon** (assist. head coach/inside receivers), **Larry Fedora** (perimeter offensive game coord.), **Mike Locksley** (RBs/recruiting coord.), **Joe Wickline** (OL/running game coord.), **Charlie Strong** (def. coord.), **Jerry "Red" Anderson** (DL), **Bill Miller** (LBs), **Mike Woodford** (DBs/special teams coord.)

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

South Carolina
GAMECOCKS

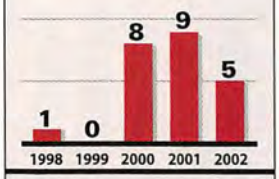
2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-5 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.uscsports.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Louisiana-Lafayette		
S.6	Virginia	L	21-34
S.13	@ Georgia	L	7-13
S.20	UAB		
S.27	@ Tennessee	L	10-18
O.11	Kentucky	W	16-12
O.18	LSU	L	14-38
O.25	Vanderbilt	W	20-14
N.1	@ Mississippi		
N.8	@ Arkansas (at Little Rock)	L	0-23
N.15	Florida	L	7-28
N.22	Clemson	L	20-27

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 9
Lettermen returning/lost: 32/24

OFFENSE

QB	5	Dondrial Pinkins (6-2, 245, Jr.)
	7	Mike Rathe (6-2, 205, Jr.)
RB	22	Kenny Irons (5-11, 195, So.)
	26	Gonzie Gray (5-11, 186, Jr.)
RB	20	Daccus Turman (5-11, 229, So.)
	29	Regis Edgerson (6-1, 225, Fr.)
LT	68	Travelle Wharton (6-4, 315, Sr.)
	73	Jon Hall (6-5, 296, Fr.)
LG	78	Jabari Levey (6-7, 340, So.)
	75	Chad Walker (6-4, 311, Jr.)
C	74	John Strickland (6-5, 304, Jr.)
	63	Kris Mick (6-5, 290, Fr.)
RG	72	Jonathan Alston (6-5, 302, Jr.)
	69	Stephen Sene (6-6, 320, Fr.)
RT	70	Na'shan Goddard (6-6, 305, So.)
	52	Jeff Barnes (6-4, 286, Sr.)
TE	49	Hart Turner (6-5, 247, Sr.)
	80	Andy Boyd (6-5, 252, So.)
WR	82	Troy Williamson (6-2, 200, So.)
	84	Andre Hemphill (6-2, 202, So.)
WR	14	Taqiy Muhammad (5-11, 182, Jr.)
	17	Mikal Goodman (6-3, 197, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	91	Moe Thompson, 6-3, 280, So.
	90	Jason Capers, 6-4, 275, Jr.
DT	57	Darrell Shropshire, 6-2, 299, Jr.
	65	Fran Person, 6-6, 262, So.
DT	94	Preston Thorne, 6-0, 273, Jr.
	43	Brandon Schweitzer, 6-3, 284, So.
DE	99	George Gause, 6-5, 265, Jr.
	59	James Scott, 6-3, 247, So.
LB	33	Jeremiah Garrison, 6-1, 233, Sr.
	46	Marcus Lawrence, 6-3, 236, Jr.
LB	48	Lance Laury, 6-2, 231, So.
	34	Rod Thomas, 6-1, 245, Sr.
LB	42	Ricardo Hurley, 6-3, 233, So.
	92	Will Wyatt, 6-0, 235, Fr.
CB	32	Dunta Robinson, 6-0, 185, Sr.
	18	Rachiem Monroe, 5-9, 182, Jr.
CB	28	Deandre' Eiland, 6-0, 210, Sr.
	8	Ted Crawford, 5-10, 183, Sr.
S	16	Jamacia Jackson, 6-1, 210, Jr.
	27	Fred Bennett, 6-2, 186, Fr.
S	11	Rodriques Wilson, 6-2, 217, Jr.
	3	Jermaine Harris, 6-4, 210, Jr.

SPECIALISTS

PK	97	Daniel Weaver (6-1, 206, Sr.)
	87	Josh Brown (6-2, 190, So.)
P	87	Josh Brown (6-2, 190, So.)
	90	Joey Bowers (6-0, 189, Jr.)

Eight home games, improved offense could be enough to get 'Cocks bowling again

The Gamecocks tweaked their offense and revamped their defense for this season in hopes of squeezing out the couple of wins they lacked last year that kept them out of bowl contention.

South Carolina coach Lou Holtz sent his son, offensive coordinator Skip Holtz, to Texas Tech to observe Mike Leach's passing game and West Virginia to examine the one-back sets employed by Mountaineer coach Rich Rodriguez. And even before Charlie Strong stepped down as defensive coordinator for the same job at Florida, Holtz realized it was time to scrap the Gamecocks' unique 3-3-5 alignment in favor of a more traditional 4-3 scheme administered by new defensive coordinator Chris Cosh. Holtz also hit the road himself to talk defense with two of his former assistants at Arkansas: Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin and Southern California coach Pete Carroll.

The climate of change has the pragmatic Holtz enthusiastic about his fifth season in Columbia.

"I don't think there is any question that we have more athletes than what we've had," Holtz says. "But I'm not sure how many good football players we have. We will have more competition; there is no doubt about that."

While wholesale scheme changes shouldn't be expected from the offense, wholesale personnel changes are another matter. South Carolina returns just two starters—senior offensive tackle Travelle Wharton, sophomore wide receiver Troy Williamson and senior tight end Hart Turner—but a host of experienced players.

TRAVIS BELL/SIDELINE CAROLINA

Dondrial Pinkins, *QB*

Junior Dondrial Pinkins replaces Corey Jenkins at quarterback, but will be pursued by junior college transfer Mike Rathe. The biggest addition could be running back Demetris Summers, rated by some recruiting services as the nation's top prep tailback.

South Carolina's defense will build around defensive ends George Gause, a junior, and Moe Thompson, a sophomore; linebackers Lance Laury, a sophomore, and Jeremiah Garrison, a senior; and experienced senior cornerbacks Deandre Eiland and Dunta Robinson.

The Gamecocks will play eight home games this season, including crucial tilts with Kentucky, LSU and Florida. The road schedule is brief but brutal: at Georgia, Tennessee, Ole Miss and Arkansas.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Williams-Brice Stadium
Capacity: 80,250
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Lou Holtz, 5th Year
Record: 22-25
Career Record: 236-120-7

ASST. COACHES
Skip Holtz (assist. head coach/off. coord.), **Chris Cosh** (def. coord.), **Dave DeGuglielmo** (OL), **Todd Fitch** (QBs), **John Gutekunst** (secondary), **Paul Lounsberry** (DTs), **Jappy Oliver** (DEs), **Dave Roberts** (RBs), **Charlie Williams** (WRs)

Kentucky WILDCATS

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 7-5 overall, 3-5 SEC

Official athletic Web site: http://ukathletics.ocsn.com

The Wildcats were one of the SEC's biggest surprises last year, rebounding from a 2-9 record in 2001 to go 7-5.

But that was far from the biggest surprise for the Wildcats last season.

First there was "The Bluegrass Miracle" on Nov. 9 in Lexington, when LSU beat Kentucky 33-30 with a 75-yard touchdown pass that bounced through the hands of two UK defensive backs as time expired.

Then there was the shocking departure at season's end of second-year coach Guy Morriss, who left for a six-year, $7 million deal at Baylor. That opened the door for former Oregon and St. Louis Rams coach Rich Brooks to return to the game after a two-year absence.

"I'm 61," Brooks says. "I feel a real sense of urgency. I'm not a patient guy anymore. I know we have to build this team and this program. But I don't have a good patience level."

Some patience will be required at Kentucky, which continues to suffer scholarship limitations as a result of NCAA probation.

Brooks has some building blocks to work with, starting with one of the league's premier pass-and-catch combos: super-sized senior quarterback Jared Lorenzen and senior All-American Derek Abney, an exceptional wide receiver and record-setting kick returner.

Though he's earned nicknames like "The Battleship Lorenzen" and the "Pillsbury Throwboy" (UK lists Lorenzen at 6-4, 275 pounds but he often tips the scales at 300-plus), Lorenzen is no sideshow, having thrown for 2,267 yards and 24 touchdowns last year with only five interceptions.

Abney will be Lorenzen's prime target after catching 40 passes for 569 yards and four TDs last year. He also averaged 27 yards per kickoff return and 15 yards per punt return in 2002 and scored an NCAA-record six return touchdowns (two kickoffs, four punts) among the five national records he broke or tied.

Former UK assistant and LSU head coach Mike Archer returns as defensive coordinator after seven seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers and brings with him a 3-4 alignment to replace the old 4-2-5 scheme.

Junior end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns, an All-SEC pick last year, is the Wildcats' top defender on an experienced defensive line.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Louisville
S.6	Murray State
S.13	@ Alabama
S.20	@ Indiana
S.27	Florida
O.11	@ South Carolina
O.18	Ohio
O.25	Mississippi State
N.1	Arkansas
N.15	@ Vanderbilt
N.22	@ Georgia
N.29	Tennessee

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 61/24

OFFENSE		
QB	22	Jared Lorenzen (6-4, 275, Sr.)
FB	41	Ronald Johnson (6-0, 237, So.)
TB	25	Alexis Bwenge (6-1, 208, So.)
LT	61	Matt Huff (6-5, 304, Jr.)
LG	70	Jason Rollins (6-5, 292, Jr.)
C	78	Nick Seitze (6-5, 292, Sr.)
RG	75	Sylvester Miller (6-5, 297, Sr.)
RT	73	Antonio Hall (6-2, 299, Sr.)
TE	84	Jeremiah Drobney (6-4, 246, So.)
WR	12	Derek Abney (5-10, 175, Sr.)
WR	17	Tommy Cook (6-0, 194, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	68	Jeremy Caudill (6-3, 297, Sr.)
NT	99	Ellery Moore (6-3, 289, Jr.)
DE	98	Vincent Burns (6-2, 258, Jr.)
OLB	64	Deion Holts (6-2, 250, So.)
ILB	52	Justin Haydock (6-3, 229, Jr.)
ILB	59	Dustin Williams (6-5, 250, So.)
OLB	—	Durrell White (6-3, 247, Fr.)
CB	27	Leonard Burress (5-11, 189, Sr.)
CB	36	Antoine Huffman (6-0, 170, So.)
SS	1	Mike Williams (5-11, 185, Jr.)
FS	32	Earven Flowers (5-10, 185, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	89	Taylor Begley (6-0, 202, So.)
P	93	Sevin Sucurovic (6-2, 199, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Commonwealth Stadium
Capacity: 67,530
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Rich Brooks, 1st Year
Record: 0-0-0
Career Record: 91-109-4

Vanderbilt COMMODORES

CONFERENCE RANK: 6

2002 Record: 2-10 overall, 0-8 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.vucommodores.com

Improving the Vanderbilt program is a marathon, not a sprint, to second-year coach Bobby Johnson. That's good, because the Commodores crawled home with a 2-10 record in 2002, their fifth two-win season since 1995.

"We're trying to take it one game at a time, make ourselves better every day," Johnson says. "We're still in catch-up mode with the rest of the SEC. We have to work at it and keep the faith. You understand that we have to be efficient and play smart."

Playing smart is never the issue for Vanderbilt; playing well enough to win is the problem. Vandy has posted just three winning records in the last 50 years and has lost 17 straight SEC games.

The Commodores have only seven seniors, and not all of those log significant playing time. The only projected senior starter is tight end Nick Getter.

"We're going to have to look to some other places besides our senior class for leadership," Johnson says.

Johnson need look no further on offense than sophomore quarterback Jay Cutler and sophomore running back/kick returner Kwane Doster. Cutler threw for 1,433 yards and 10 touchdowns last year. Doster rushed for 798 yards, caught passes for 109 more and led Vandy in kickoff returns.

"We feel he is a great player," Johnson says of Doster.

The Commodores will need him, because junior Brandon Smith (19 catches, 173 yards) is Vandy's only significant returning player in the receiving corps. Junior left tackle Justin Geisinger is a potentially great blocker.

Defensively, Vandy will simplify the playbook, doing anything to try and improve a unit that ranked last in the SEC last year in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense. Junior Pat Brunner and sophomore Otis Washington will vie to fill the void left by graduated All-SEC middle linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer's NCAA-leading 168 tackles.

Kwane Doster, *RB*

MICHAEL MONTES

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Mississippi
S.6	Tennessee-Chattanooga
S.13	Auburn
S.20	@ TCU
S.27	Georgia Tech
O.4	@ Mississippi State
O.11	Navy
O.18	Georgia
O.25	@ South Carolina
N.8	@ Florida
N.15	Kentucky
N.22	@ Tennessee

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/21

OFFENSE		
QB	6	Jay Cutler (6-4, 217, So.)
FB	28	Matthew Tant (5-11, 227, So.)
TB	40	Kwane Doster (5-11, 185, So.)
LT	71	Justin Geisinger (6-4, 327, Jr.)
LG	76	Brian Kovolisky (6-7, 278, Jr.)
C	74	Jordan Pettit (6-3, 288, Jr.)
RG	65	Mac Pyle (6-4, 312, So.)
RT	70	Kenan Arkan (6-7, 300, Jr.)
TE	81	Nick Getter (6-4, 246, Sr.)
WR	82	Erik Davis (6-2, 185, So.)
WR	80	Brandon Smith (6-1, 185, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	91	Jovan Haye (6-3, 255, So.)
DT	69	Aaron Carter (6-3, 286, Jr.)
DT	95	Ralph McKenzie (6-4, 303, So.)
DE	53	Antoine Morgan (6-5, 230, So.)
SLB	43	Herdley Harrison (6-2, 233, So.)
MLB	52	Otis Washington (5-11, 227, So.)
WLB	42	Marty Morgan (6-3, 225, So.) or
CB	10	Dominique Morris (6-1, 190, R-Fr.)
CB	8	Cheron Thompson (5-11, 188, So.)
FS	12	Kelechi Ohanaja (6-1, 188, So)
SS	36	Andrew Pace (6-1, 195, So.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	15	Shaun Bercuson (5-11, 160, So.)
P	98	Patrick Johnson (5-11, 175, Fr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Vanderbilt Stadium
Capacity: 41,600
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Bobby Johnson, 2nd Year
Record: 2-10-0
Career Record: 62-46

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

Auburn TIGERS

2002 Record: 9-4 overall, 5-3 SEC *(beat Penn State in the Capital One Bowl, 13-9)*

Official athletic Web site: www.auburntigers.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Southern Cal	L	17-24
S.6	@ Georgia Tech		
S.13	@ Vanderbilt	W	31-6
S.27	Western Kentucky		
O.4	Tennessee		
O.11	@ Arkansas (at Fayetteville)	L	17-38
O.18	Mississippi State	W	42-14
O.25	@ LSU	W	31-7
N.1	Louisiana-Monroe	W	52-14
N.8	Mississippi	W	31-24
N.15	@ Georgia	L	21-24
N.22	Alabama	W	17-7

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/17

OFFENSE

QB	17	Jason Campbell (6-4, 223, Jr.)
	13	Josh Sullivan (6-4, 201, RFr.)
FB	45	Brandon Johnson(6-1, 234, Sr.)
TB	24	Carnell Williams (5-11, 204, Jr.)
	23	Ronnie Brown (6-1, 223, Jr.)
LT	69	Mark Pera (6-6, 312, Sr.)
	74	Steven Ross (6-6, 282, So.)
LG	66	Troy Reddick (6-5, 297, So.)
	79	Jonathan Palmer (6-5, 298, RFr.)
C	68	Danny Lindsey (6-2, 300, Jr.)
	67	Jeremy Ingle (6-1, 272, Jr.)
RG	65	Monreko Crittenden(6-5, 350, Sr.)
	61	Thomas Anderson (6-7, 320, Jr.)
RT	73	Marcus McNeill (6-9, 329, So.)
	72	Taylor Bourgeois (6-5, 305, So.)
TE	8	Cooper Wallace (6-4, 252, So.)
	89	Anthony Mix (6-5, 234, So.)
WR	2	Ben Obomanu (6-1, 192, So.)
	85	Silas Daniels (6-0, 187, Jr.)
WR	1	Devin Aromashodu (6-2, 196, So.)
	86	Courtney Taylor (6-2, 192, RFr.)

DEFENSE

LE	83	Jay Ratliff (6-5, 262, Jr.)
	94	Bret Eddins (6-5, 261, Jr.)
NG	92	DeMarco McNeil (6-2, 300, Sr.)
	96	Wayne Dickens (6-2, 290, So.)
DT	53	Spencer Johnson (6-3, 289, Sr.)
	91	Dexter Murphy (6-2, 280, Sr.)
RE	82	Reggie Torbor (6-3, 242, Sr.)
	95	Kyle Derozan (6-3, 242, RFr.)
LB	11	Karlos Dansby (6-5, 235, Sr.)
	51	Travis Williams (6-1, 209, So.)
LB	56	Lemarcus Rowell (6-3, 229, So.)
	44	Jake Slaughter (6-2, 240, So.)
LB	54	Dontarrious Thomas (6-4, 238, Sr.)
	29	Derrick Graves (6-1, 206, Jr.)
CB	26	Lamel Ages (5-9, 187, Jr.)
	27	Dee Durham (5-11, 193, So.)
CB	14	Carlos Rogers (6-1, 191, Jr.)
	19	Montavis Pitts (6-1, 190, RFr.)
S	4	Junior Rosegreen (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	3	Roshard Gilyard (5-10, 208, Sr.)
S	10	Donnay Young (6-0, 198, So.)
	21	Karibi Dede (6-1, 208, RFr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	18	Philip Yost (6-2, 187, Jr.)
P	41	Michael Gibson (6-1, 205, RFr.)

Loaded Tigers hope passing game can offer bite to keep SEC defenses honest

On the plains of east Alabama there's a feeling that it's Auburn's time in football once again. A time to return to dominance in the SEC, the way it was in the days of Bo Jackson and Tracy Rocker and Pat Dye.

Coming off a promising 9-4 season that ended with wins over arch-rival Alabama and Penn State in the Capital One Bowl, they're talking championships in Auburn. Not just a chance for the Tigers' first SEC title since 1989, but the national championship, the one War Eagle fans have waited for since 1957.

"This has been a very different offseason for the fact that people realize we are a good team," says Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville, now entering his fifth season with the Tigers. "Expectations are higher. You can feel it in the meetings. You can feel it in the offseason workouts. You can feel a little different attitude about going into next season."

Not that good vibrations count for everything. Tuberville, for one, wants to see Auburn prove it's championship-caliber on the field.

"We're not a good enough team to be top 10 or 15 right now," says Tuberville, who Auburn thought was good enough to sign to a new five-year, $1.5 million-per-season contract. "We have to improve in a lot of areas to be able to do that."

Maybe not in *a lot* of areas. The Tigers are loaded with tailbacks and linebackers, swimming in linemen and have a promising quarterback.

For the first time since Ben Leard was a senior in 2000, Auburn has an established quarterback. Junior Jason Campbell shared time with Daniel Cobb last year, but now Cobb's gone and Campbell is the man behind center.

Behind Campbell is quite a traffic jam, probably the deepest backfield in college football.

There is Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, still bothered in the spring with a broken ankle, who was replaced by 1,000-yard rusher Ronnie Brown. He was replaced by Tre Smith in the Alabama game. And Smith may be pushed for playing time by junior college transfer Brandon Jacobs, a bruiser at 6-4, 257 pounds.

The Tigers lost leading receiver Marcel Willis but return sophomores Devin Aromashodu and Ben Obomanu to fill the void. Four of Auburn's five starters are back on the offensive line this year, led by senior right guard Monreko Crittenden and sophomore right tackle Marcus McNeill.

Defensively, Auburn's front seven is probably the SEC's best. Senior noseguard DeMarco McNeil anchors the middle in front of senior weakside linebacker Dontarrious Thomas and senior strongside linebacker Karlos Dansby, the latter an All-SEC pick. Junior right cornerback Carlos Rogers has All-SEC potential, but otherwise the Tigers have a lack of depth and experience in the secondary that must be addressed.

The schedule, as usual, is demanding. Auburn opens at home on Aug. 30 with Southern California and also entertains Tennessee and Alabama on Oct. 4 and Nov. 22, respectively. There are road games at Georgia on Nov. 15 and LSU on Oct. 25, the latter a game that could decide who plays for the SEC championship.

Ben Obomanu, *WR*

WESLEY HITT

STADIUM INFO — **Name:** Jordan-Hare Stadium **Capacity:** 86,063 **Playing Surface:** Grass

THE COACH — **Tommy Tuberville,** 5th Year **Record:** 30-19 **Career Record:** 55-39-0

ASST. COACHES — **Hugh Nall** (off. coord./OL), **Greg Knox** (WRs/recruiting coord.), **Steve Ensminger** (QBs), **Eddie Gran** (RBs), **Gene Chizik** (def. coord.), **Terry Price** (DEs), **Don Dunn** (DTs), **Phillip Lolley** (DBs), **Joe Whitt** (LBs)

LSU TIGERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 5-3 SEC *(lost to Texas in the Cotton Bowl, 35-20)*

Official athletic Web site: www.lsusports.net

Tigers hope to replace highs, lows of '02 with consistency

The LSU Tigers didn't know what a football high was until "The Bluegrass Miracle" at Kentucky, a play that has joined the legendary ranks of Billy Cannon's punt return to beat Ole Miss in 1959 in LSU football lore. The *Associated Press* and *Sports Illustrated* called it college football's 2002 Play of the Year.

The Tigers didn't know how low they could go until the day after Thanksgiving in Little Rock. Leading Arkansas 20-14, with a berth in the SEC Championship Game in the balance, the Tigers watched the Razorbacks sweep 81 yards with two completions in less than 31 seconds to win 21-20 and advance to Atlanta.

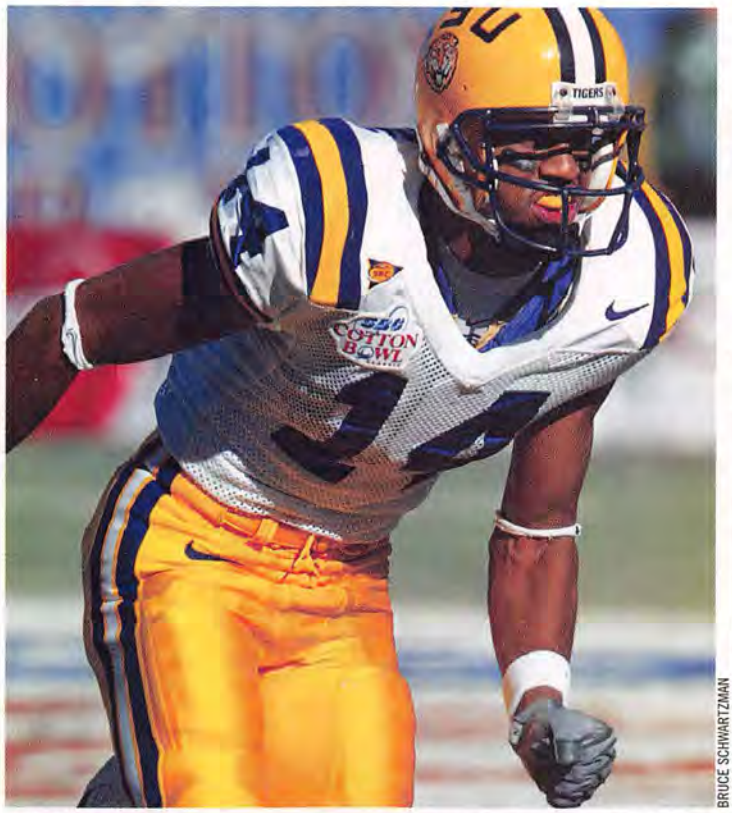
In 2003, LSU's goal is the same: Be a contender—but with a little less drama, a little more dominance.

"What are people going to say about this team when they watch them play?" fourth-year LSU coach Nick Saban asks. "Do they play with toughness and character? Can they compete for 60 minutes? One thing we always want to establish is being dominant for 60 minutes."

Enough players return—38 letter-winners and 16 of 24 starters—who know what Saban wants.

Junior quarterback Matt Mauck, MVP of LSU's 2001 SEC Championship Game upset of Tennessee, has been working since October to recover from the torn ligament in the right foot he injured against Florida. Mauck gave way to "Bluegrass Miracle" passer Marcus Randall for the second half of the season, but Mauck displayed enough touch and mobility during the spring to show that he's ready to reclaim his spot.

"We don't have a quarterback controversy right now," Saban says.



BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

Michael Clayton, *WR*

"We just want those two guys to grow and develop and let's see what happens.

"Matt won the position last year" in preseason practice, Saban says. "Marcus played a lot and improved a lot."

Tailbacks LaBrandon Toefield and Domanick Davis are both gone to the NFL, Toefield a year early, leaving the running back chores to sophomore Joseph Addai and a 5-6 junior pocket rocket named Shyrone Carey. Sophomores Ryan Gilbert, Jason Spadoni and freshman Justin Vincent provide depth, as may incoming freshman Alley Broussard. Vincent is also likely to see action at strong safety.

The Tigers will probably return to more of the three- and four-receiver sets they used two years ago with wideouts like junior Michael Clayton and Devery Henderson, who broke his wrist against Ole Miss. The offensive line may be LSU's best in years, led by left tackle Andrew Whitworth, center Ben Wilkerson and right guard Stephen Peterman.

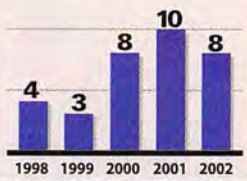
LSU led the nation in total defense at one point in 2002, but it didn't last. The Tigers will try to cope wthout senior All-America linebacker Bradie James, who will be replaced less vocally by junior Lionel Turner. All-SEC cornerback Corey Webster also returns after picking off a league-high seven passes last season.

LSU can look forward to big games at home against Florida and Arkansas and at Alabama, but none looms bigger than LSU's Oct. 25 game in Tiger Stadium with preseason SEC West-favorite Auburn. The game could ultimately decide supremacy in the division, and will probably put a tiger of one stripe or another on the road to Atlanta.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Louisiana-Monroe		
S.6	@ Arizona		
S.13	Western Illinois		
S.20	Georgia		
S.27	@ Mississippi State	W	31-13
O.11	Florida		
O.18	@ South Carolina	W	38-14
O.25	Auburn	L	7-31
N.1	Louisiana Tech		
N.15	@ Alabama		
N.22	@ Mississippi	W	14-13
N.29	Arkansas	L	20-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/17

OFFENSE		
QB	18	Matt Mauck (6-2, 217, Jr.)
	12	Marcus Randall (6-2, 218, Jr.)
FB	49	Brandon Hurley (6-3, 289, So.)
	82	David Jones (6-4, 252, So.)
TB	10	Joseph Addai (6-0, 202, So.)
	2	Shyrone Carey (5-6, 185, Jr.)
LT	76	Andrew Whitworth (6-7, 320, So.)
	64	Rudy Niswanger (6-5, 293, So.)
LG	64	Rudy Niswanger (6-5, 293, So.)
	68	Terrell McGill (6-4, 323, Jr.)
C	55	Ben Wilkerson (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	64	Rudy Niswanger (6-5, 293, So.)
RG	72	Stephen Peterman (6-4, 325, Sr.)
	59	Doug Planchard (6-3, 275, Fr.)
RT	60	Rodney Reed (6-4, 280, Sr.)
	71	Nate Livings (6-5, 322, So.)
TE	47	Eric Edwards (6-5, 264, Sr.)
	88	Demetri Robinson (6-3, 250, Jr.)
WR	14	Michael Clayton (6-4, 200, Jr.)
	5	Skyler Green (5-9, 189, So.)
WR	9	Devery Henderson (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	17	Bennie Brazell (6-1, 165, So.)
DEFENSE		
LE	84	Marcus Spears (6-4, 295, Jr.)
	90	Melvin Oliver (6-3, 255, So.)
LT	95	Kyle Williams (6-3, 299, So.)
	97	Brandon Washington (6-4, 295, So.)
RT	93	Chad Lavalais (6-3, 289, Sr.)
	98	Torran Williams (6-4, 290, Sr.)
RE	94	Marquise Hill (6-7, 294, Jr.)
	92	Bryce Wyatt (6-4, 264, Sr.)
OLB	46	Cameron Vaughn (6-4, 225, So.)
	99	Jason LeDoux (6-3, 245, Sr.)
MLB	58	Lionel Turner (6-2, 255, Jr.)
	99	Jason LeDoux (6-3, 245, Sr.)
OLB	57	Dave Peterson (6-3, 240, Sr.)
	91	Alonzo Manuel (6-2, 234, Fr.)
CB	21	Randall Gay (5-11, 174, Sr.)
	1	Ronnie Prude (5-11, 175, Jr.)
CB	13	Corey Webster (6-0, 197, Sr.)
	29	Travis Daniels (6-1, 184, Jr.)
FS	8	Jack Hunt (6-1, 189, Sr.)
	29	Travis Daniels (6-1, 184, Jr.)
SS	7	Adrian Mayes (6-1, 211, Sr.)
	25	Justin Vincent (5-11, 205, Fr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	33	Andre Boagni (5-9, 171, Fr.)
	7	Ryan Gaudet (5-9, 170, Fr.)
P	80	Donnie Jones (6-3, 217, Sr.)
	16	Ross Cockrell (6-1, 186, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Tiger Stadium
Capacity: 91,600
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Nick Saban, 4th Year
Record: 26-12
Career Record: 69-38-1

ASST. COACHES
Charles Baglio (coord. of H.S. football relations), **Kirk Doll** (LBs/assist. head coach), **Derek Dooley** (RBs/STs), **Jimbo Fisher** (off. coord./QBs), **Stan Hixon** (assoc. head coach/WRs), **Travis Jones** (def. coach), **Tommy Moffitt** (strength and conditioning), **Will Muschamp** (def. coord.), **Stacy Searels** (OL), **Lance Thompson** (assist. head coach/TEs/recruiting coord.), **Tim Walton** (DBs)

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

Alabama
CRIMSON TIDE

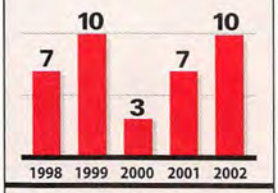
2002 Record: 10-3 overall, 6-2 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.rolltide.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	South Florida (@ Bham)	W	
S.6	Oklahoma	L	27-37
S.13	Kentucky	W	
S.20	Northern Illinois	W	
S.27	Arkansas	W	30-12
O.4	@ Georgia	L	25-27
O.11	Southern Miss	W	20-7
O.18	@ Mississippi	W	
O.25	Tennessee	W	34-14
N.8	@ Mississippi State	W	28-14
N.15	LSU	W	31-0
N.22	@ Auburn	L	7-17
N.29	@ Hawaii	W	21-16

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 43/28

OFFENSE

QB	12	Brodie Croyle (6-2, 198, So.)
	13	Spencer Pennington (6-4,218,So.)
TB	21	Shaud Williams (5-9, 189, Sr.)
	27	Ray Hudson (5-11, 194, Jr.)
LT	70	Wesley Britt (6-8, 312, Jr.)
	75	Atlas Herrion (6-4, 300, Sr.)
LG	78	Justin Smiley (6-4, 301, Jr.)
	69	Matt Lomax (6-3, 293, Sr.)
C	74	J.B. Closner (6-4, 295, So.)
	68	Montre Walker (6-2, 280, So.)
RG	73	Dennis Alexander (6-6, 352, Sr.)
	63	Mark Sanders (6-6, 314, So.)
RT	51	Evan Mathis (6-5, 294, Jr.)
	60	Von Ewing (6-5, 300, So.)
TE	31	Greg McLain (6-2, 246, So.)
	88	Clint Johnston (6-4, 248, So.)
WR	84	Triandos Luke (6-0, 188, Sr.)
	2	Antonio Carter (5-9, 190, Sr.)
WR	3	Dre Fulgham (6-1, 217, Sr.)
	39	Lance Taylor (5-9, 192, Sr.)
WR	80	Zach Fletcher (6-3, 186, Sr.)
	1	Thurman Ward (6-1, 177, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	N. McKay-Loescher (6-4,255,Sr.)
	56	Todd Bates (6-4, 245, Jr.)
DT	95	Ahmaad Childress (6-7,345,Sr.)
	99	Jeremy Clark (6-3, 280, Fr.)
NT	97	Anthony Bryant (6-3, 345, Sr.)
	52	Taylor Britt (6-3, 280, Fr.)
DE	98	Antwan Odom (6-5, 273, Jr.)
	47	Mark Anderson (6-6, 230, So.)
SLB	16	Cornelius Wortham (6-1,233,Sr.)
	35	DeMeco Ryans (6-1, 213, So.)
MLB	8	Freddie Roach (6-2, 237, So.)
	6	Derrick Pope (6-0, 223, Sr.)
WLB	18	Brooks Daniels (6-2, 205, Sr.)
	42	Juwan Garth (6-2, 193, Fr.)
CB	9	Anthony Madison (5-9, 180, Jr.)
	19	Roberto McBride (5-9, 177, Sr.)
CB	26	Charlie Peprah (5-11,195,So.)
	23	David Scott (6-0, 177, Sr.)
FS	20	Charles Jones (6-0, 183, Sr.)
	41	Roman Harper (6-1, 182, So.)
SS	10	Carlos Andrews (6-0, 208, Jr.)
	32	Chris James (6-0, 189, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	43	Kyle Robinson (5-10, 175, Sr.)
	35	Michael Ziifle (6-0, 236, Jr.)
P	35	Michael Ziifle (6-0, 236, Jr.)
	5	Josh Woodard (6-1, 170, Fr.)

Price wasn't right at Alabama but, with talent still on hand, Tide fans may like the new Mike

It's hard to say what may have been more stunning this offseason for Alabama fans: that Dennis Franchione would leave Tuscaloosa to go coach at Texas A&M or that Alabama would reach into the great Northwest to bring in Washington State's Mike Price, only to have to fire him five months later for his personal behavior on a strip-club spending spree in Pensacola, Fla.

Alabama went 10-3 last year and 6-2 in the SEC, posting the division's best record. But NCAA probation kept the Crimson Tide out of postseason play, and it will again this year. Scholarship restrictions—'Bama has signed just 37 players the last two years—are beginning to eat into the Tide's depth, especially in the trenches.

New coach Mike Shula, the son of Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula and a 15-year NFL assistant, needs patience with the offense as he tries to open things up a bit. The former All-SEC quarterback at Alabama will miss graduated QB Tyler Watts, who combined with rising sophomore Brodie Croyle for 2,460 yards passing while the Tide gained 2,772 yards on the ground in 2002.

With Watts gone, Croyle is the man in charge going into his sophomore season. He'll be throwing to seniors Triandos Luke, Zach Fletcher and Antonio Carter, who sat out 2002 with a broken right leg that required two surgeries to correct.

Alabama will still run the ball and, when it does, the ball will probably go to senior Shaud Williams, though Williams isn't your typically physical feature back at 5-9, 182 pounds. That could present a problem since 'Bama has limited depth on the line, having signed just four O-linemen the last two years.

Defensively, senior Brooks Daniels, the leading tackler a year ago with 110 stops while playing rover, is the leading man. Junior right end Antwan Odom could be 'Bama's next great defensive lineman.

KENT GIDLEY

Brodie Croyle, *QB*

KENT GIDLEY

Shaud Williams, *TB*

STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Bryant-Denny Stadium **Capacity:** 83,818 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Mike Shula,** 1st Year **Record:** 0-0 **Career Record:** 0-0	**Dave Rader** (offensive coordinator) *No other assistants had been named at press time.*

Arkansas RAZORBACKS

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

2002 Record: **9-5 overall, 5-4 SEC** *(lost to Minnesota in the Music City Bowl, 29-14)*

Official athletic Web site: www.hogwired.com

Experienced Razorbacks should keep five-year bowl streak alive with a 'Football Jones'

Arkansas spent much of the 2002 season proving the skeptics wrong, winning six straight games capped by the 31-yard Matt Jones to DeCori Birmingham pass with nine seconds left to beat LSU 21-20 and reach the SEC Championship Game. Once there, the Razorbacks tried to prove everyone right by being blasted by Georgia 30-3. Passed over by the New Year's Day bowls, Arkansas accepted a bid to the Music City Bowl and looked uninspired in a 29-14 loss to Minnesota.

Still, the 9-5 campaign was a success for the Razorbacks. Their nine victories tied for the most under sixth-year coach Houston Nutt. In those five seasons, Arkansas is the only team to go to a bowl each year and owns the division's best record at 39-23.

"If we're all disappointed with nine wins, we should remember that it wasn't too long ago that we didn't go to a bowl," Nutt says.

As for the skeptics, hardly anyone is picking Arkansas to successfully defend its SEC West crown. But that's OK with Nutt, who seems to have found a comfort zone with his Razorbacks in an underdog role.

With 24 returning seniors and 18 returning starters, he just might prove them wrong again.

"We're picked last or next-to-last every year," Nutt says. "That's fine with me. As long as we don't finish there."

Tony Bua, *LB*

WESLEY HITT

Arkansas contended last year on the strength of the SEC's best rushing offense but had to overcome the league's worst passing offense. The Razorbacks will try to even-up the numbers this year, possibly by turning junior quarterback Matt Jones into a deep-threat receiver at times. Jones will still play quarterback along with senior Ryan Sorahan.

When Sorahan isn't passing and Jones isn't running, they'll be handing off to sophomore De'Arrius Howard and senior Cedric Cobbs. Like Jones and Sorahan at quarterback, Howard and Cobbs go into the fall neck-and-neck at tailback.

The Razorbacks return the best of their receivers: senior George Wilson, Birmingham and Richard Smith, who caught a 50-yard Jones pass to set up the game-winner against LSU. Along with Jones, the Razorbacks may also get receiver help from Chris Baker, a re-signed player who spent last year at Hargrave Military Academy in Virginia.

Arkansas' offensive strength may be its line, and the key to its line is junior right tackle Shawn Andrews. An All-American as a sophomore, Andrews is one of the SEC's top talents at any position.

Senior Jimarr Gallon will replace defensive leader Ken Hamlin at free safety after Hamlin bolted a year early for the NFL. The secondary is still strong with All-SEC junior cornerback Ahmad Carroll and senior cornerback Lawrence Richardson still in uniform.

Senior outside linebacker Tony Bua has a big-play reputation, good and bad. He hopes this year will be better after surgery to repair a damaged shoulder.

Arkansas renews hostilities Sept. 13 in Austin with old Southwest Conference rival Texas. Other key games include an Oct. 11 home date with Auburn and the Thanksgiving weekend game at LSU in what is a building rivalry.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium
Capacity: 72,000
Playing Surface: Grass

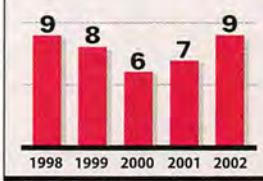
THE COACH
Houston Nutt, 6th Year
Career Record: 75-45-0

ASST. COACHES
Bobby Allen (secondary), **Louis Campbell** (dir. of football oper.), **Clifton Ealy** (TEs), **Mike Markuson** (OL/running game coord.), **Danny Nutt** (RBs), **Tracy Rocker** (DL), **James Shibest** (WRs/specialists), **Chris Vaughn** (recruiting coord./OLBs/SS), **Roy Wittke** (QBs/passing game coord.), **Dave Wommack** (def. coord./ILBs)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	Tulsa		
S.13	@ Texas		
S.20	North Texas		
S.27	at Alabama	L	12-30
O.11	Auburn	W	38-17
O.18	Florida		
O.25	@ Mississippi	W	48-28
N.1	@ Kentucky	L	17-29
N.8	South Carolina	W	23-0
N.15	New Mexico State		
N.22	Mississippi State	W	26-19
N.29	@ LSU	W	21-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/20

OFFENSE

QB	9	Matt Jones (6-5, 225, Jr.)
	10	Ryan Sorahan (6-4, 240, Sr.)
FB	33	Mark Pierce (6-0, 242, Jr.)
	47	Brandon Kennedy (6-0, 227, So.)
TB	26	De'Arrius Howard (6-0, 227, So.)
	4	Cedric Cobbs (6-1, 220, Sr.)
LT	75	Bo Lacy (6-4, 298, Sr.)
	67	Jason Grimes (6-6, 286, Fr.)
LG	50	Jerry Reith (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	66	Tony Ugoh (6-5, 280, Fr.)
C	65	Dan Doughty (6-2, 290, Sr.)
	70	Kyle Roper (6-3, 283, So.)
RG	71	Mark Bokermann (6-5, 302, Sr.)
	78	Gene Perry (6-5, 285, Jr.)
RT	73	Shawn Andrews (6-5, 371, Jr.)
	69	Zac Tubbs (6-6, 351, So.)
TE	80	Jason Peters (6-5, 320, Jr.)
	86	Jared Hicks (6-6, 273, So.)
WR	88	George Wlson (6-1, 210, Sr.)
	84	Steven Harris (5-11, 182, Jr.)
WR	8	Richard Smith (5-10, 186, Sr.)
	32	DeCori Birmingham (5-11, 200, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Justin Scott (6-2, 252, Sr.)
	11	Wes Murphy (6-2, 254, So.)
DT	98	Elliot Harris (6-4, 262, Jr.)
	93	Jayson Johnson (6-3, 333, Sr.)
NG	92	Arrion Dixon (6-4, 293, Jr.)
	60	Scott Dvenport (6-2, 304, Sr.)
DE	15	Jeb Huckeba (6-4, 236, Jr.)
	97	Keith Turner (6-3, 237, Sr.)
ILB	43	Caleb Miller (6-3, 225, Sr.)
	34	Shane Collins (6-2, 232, Jr.)
ILB	46	Clarke Moore (6-2, 245, So.)
	7	Brandon Holmes (6-2, 227, Sr.)
OLB	22	Tony Bua (5-11, 218, Sr.)
	23	Desmond Sims (6-2, 217, Fr.)
CB	1	Lawrence Richardson (5-10, 183, Sr.)
	—	Prince Davis (5-8, 155, So.)
CB	8	Ahmad Carroll (5-11, 190, Jr.)
	3	Marvin Jackson (5-9, 168, Sr.)
FS	39	Jimmar Gallon (5-11, 196, Sr.)
	31	Vickiel Vaughn (6-0, 192, So.)
ROV	14	Jimmy Beasley (5-11, 196, Sr.)
	25	Bo Mosely (5-10, 179, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	49	David Carlton (6-1, 184, Jr.)
	55	Chris Balseiro (6-1, 189, So.)
P	41	Brennan O'Donohoe (6-0, 190, Sr.)
		Josh Dennis (6-1, 175, Jr.)

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/22

OFFENSE

QB	10	Eli Manning (6-5, 218, Sr.)
FB	42	Rick Razzano (5-11, 240, Jr.)
RB	47	Tremaine Turner (5-10, 200, Sr.)
LT	70	Tre' Stallings (6-4, 317, So.)
LG	62	Doug Buckles (6-5, 300, Jr.)
C	53	Justin Sawyer (6-3, 315, Sr.)
RG	76	Marcus Johnson (6-6, 330, Sr.)
RT	74	Cliff Woodruff (6-6, 301, Sr.)
TE	80	Eric Rice (6-3, 230, Jr.)
WR	8	Chris Collins (6-2, 190, Sr.)
WR	84	Bill Flowers (6-0, 193, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LE	99	Josh Cooper (6-4, 245, Sr.)
LT	68	McKinley Boykin (6-2, 285, So.)
NT	95	Jesse Mitchell (6-1, 277, Sr.)
RE	85	Charlie Anderson (6-4, 240, Sr.)
SLB	51	Justin Wade (6-3, 225, Sr.)
MLB	48	L.P. Spence (6-3, 220, Sr.)
CB	25	Travis Johnson (6-1, 191, So.)
CB	5	Von Hutchins (5-11, 184, Sr.)
SS	39	Kelvin Robinson (6-1, 215, So.)
FS	26	Eric Oliver (6-2, 210, Jr.)
WS	13	Travis Blanchard (5-11, 185, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	86	Jonathan Nichols (6-0, 180, Jr.)
P	97	Cody Ridgeway (6-1, 190, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Hollingsworth Field at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium
Capacity: 60,580
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

David Cutcliffe, 6th Year
Record: 36-24
Career Record: 36-24-0

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 5

Ole Miss
REBELS

2002 Record: 7-6 overall, 3-5 SEC *(beat Nebraska in the Independence Bowl, 27-23)*

Official athletic Web site: www.olemisssports.com

The day Eli Manning said he was returning to Ole Miss to play quarterback for his senior season—Jan. 16—was the best day of the football season for Rebel fans. Everything after that is just a bonus.

"We can win more games than we did last year," Manning says.

Certainly the Rebels can after going 7-6 last season. But can they win enough to at last end their life as a dubious trivia question: Who is the only SEC West team never to make it to the SEC Championship Game?

Eli Manning, *QB*

SEAN MEYERS/ICON SMI

The schedule gives the Rebels a chance, then a challenge. Ole Miss opens with its first two games on the road—Aug. 30 at Vanderbilt and Sept. 6 at Memphis—then returns home for three of the next four against Louisiana-Monroe, Texas Tech and Arkansas State arranged around a game at Florida in Gainesville. The second half of the schedule includes games with Alabama, at Auburn, LSU and at Mississippi State for the Egg Bowl on Thanksgiving night.

But to win the West, Ole Miss will have to overcome the fact that it is 6-11 in November under coach David Cutcliffe.

"We have a chance," Cutcliffe says. "The league will be better. There are some great teams in the West. I think LSU and Auburn are extremely talented. Arkansas returns most of its team. But we have a chance."

The Rebels return a stellar receiver corps led by senior Chris Collins and junior Bill Flowers, but must resuscitate the SEC's worst rushing offense (94.3 yards per game in 2002). Seniors Ronald McClendon, Tremaine Turner and sophomore Vashon Pearson will try to do just that.

Defensively, Ole Miss lost just two starters, but two of them were leaders Eddie Strong and Matt Grier. Nose tackle Jesse Mitchell is a talent in the trenches, while senior strongside linebacker Justin Wade must replace Strong's production.

The Rebels return four starters in their five-man secondary, led by senior cornerback Von Hutchins.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A. 30	@ Vanderbilt
S. 6	@ Memphis
S. 13	Louisiana-Monroe
S. 27	Texas Tech
O. 4	@ Florida
O. 11	Arkansas State
O. 18	Alabama
O. 25	Arkansas
N. 1	South Carolina
N. 8	@ Auburn
N. 22	LSU
N. 27	@ Mississippi State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 47/27

OFFENSE

QB	16	Kevin Fant (6-2, 207, Sr.)
FB	33	Darnell Jones (5-11, 231, Jr.)
TB	5	Fred Reid (5-9, 180, Jr.)
LT	77	Richard Burch (6-5, 302, So.)
LG	64	Brad Weathers (6-5, 313, Jr.)
C	63	Blake Jones (6-2, 284, Sr.)
RG	50	Chris McNeil (6-3, 289, So.)
RT	60	David Stewart (6-6, 304, Jr.)
TE	87	Aaron Lumpkin (6-4, 257, Jr.)
WR	10	Ray Ray Bivines (5-11, 176, Jr.)
WR	8	Justin Jenkins (6-1, 210, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Tommy Kelly (6-6, 296, Sr.)
DT	93	Ronald Fields (6-2, 202, Jr.)
DT	91	Lennie Day (6-3, 261, Sr.)
DE	36	Willie Evans (6-2, 257, So.)
LB	32	Marvin Byrdsong (6-2, 240, So.)
LB	53	T.J. Mawhinney (6-1, 230, Sr.)
CB	24	Demetric Wright (5-10, 168, Sr.)
CB	30	Kevin Dockery (5-10, 181, So.)
SS	40	Jason Clark (6-1, 240, Sr.)
SS	26	Chris Swain (5-11, 190, Jr.)
FS	22	Darren Williams (6-2, 194, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	45	Brent Smith (5-10, 203, Sr.)
P	43	Jared Cook (5-10, 191, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Scott Field at Davis-Wade Stadium
Capacity: 52,884
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Jackie Sherrill, 13th Year
Record: 73-65-2
Career Record: 178-110-4

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

Mississippi State
BULLDOGS

2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 0-8 SEC

Official athletic Web site: www.mstateathletics.com

It's hard to imagine things getting much worse in Starkville. The Bulldogs have won just seven of their last 26 games dating back to the end of the 2000 season, including 3-8 and 3-9 records the last two years. The NCAA is investigating the program again for recruiting violations. And coach Jackie Sherrill purged half of his staff in hopes of shaking things up for the better.

Sherrill pulled in some talented recruits in February—and some impressive coaching names. Former LSU and Michigan State assistant Morris Watts replaced Sparky Woods at offensive coordinator after Woods was fired. Former Eastern Michigan, Louisville and Alabama A&M head coach Ron Cooper replaced longtime State assistant Joe Lee Dunn as defensive coordinator after Dunn was given the ax. And former Oklahoma player and head coach John Blake will coach the defensive line.

"Our football team will be drastically improved," Sherrill says. "Our younger players are coming of age—talented players."

The Bulldogs will have to come of age fast. State opens the season at home Aug. 30 against Oregon, then begins SEC play Sept. 27 against LSU, which has won 15 of the last 18 over the Bulldogs. The second half of the schedule contains tough road trips to Auburn, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas sandwiched between a home game with Alabama before the Egg Bowl against Ole Miss.

Seven starters are back on offense, plus nine more who have started at least one game. Senior Kevin Fant, who missed spring practice with personal problems, will have to earn his starting job back against strong challenges from sophomore Kyle York and talented redshirt freshman Aries Nelson.

Whoever the quarterback is, the running game must improve. State has a trio of tailbacks in junior Fred Reid and sophomores Jerious Norwood and Nick Turner. Senior flanker Justin Jenkins returns, as does junior wideout Ray Ray Bivines.

Defensively, MSU will make a slight shift under Cooper from a five-man front to a 4-2-5. Senior linebacker T.J. Mawhinney must step into the void left by middle linebacker Mario Haggan.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A. 30	Oregon
S. 13	@ Tulane
S. 20	@ Houston
S. 27	LSU
O. 4	Vanderbilt
O. 11	Memphis
O. 18	@ Auburn
O. 25	@ Kentucky
N. 8	Alabama
N. 15	@ Tennessee
N. 22	@ Arkansas
N. 27	Mississippi

WAC *Predicted order of finish:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
▶p.94	▶p.95	▶p.96	▶p.96	▶p.97	▶p.97	▶p.98	▶p.98	▶p.99	▶p.99

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Bernard Berrian**, WR, Fresno State
Best hands: **Chad Owens**, WR, Hawaii
Best passing QB: **Ryan Dinwiddie**, Boise State
Best option QB: **Greg Henderson**, Rice
Most elusive RB: **Keylon Kincade**, SMU
Best instincts: **David Mikell**, RB/KR, Boise State
Best under pressure: **Ryan Dinwiddie**, QB, Boise State
Top NFL prospect: **Bernard Berrian**, WR, Fresno State
Top impact freshmen: **Jason Rivers**, WR, Hawaii/ **Vincent Mays**, FS, Fresno State
Hardest hitter: **Bryce McGill**, LB, Fresno State
Biggest underachiever: **Luke McCown**, QB, Louisiana Tech

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **June Jones**, Hawaii
Best recruiter: **Phil Bennett**, SMU
Coach on the spot: **Gary Nord**, UTEP

Don't be surprised if ...

Hawaii upsets Southern Cal in September and goes into November with a shot to play in a BCS game.

One man's opinion

"Boise had a good team last year and everything, but their coach (Dan Hawkins) ran it up on a lot of teams and he has lost a lot of good players. I think a lot of teams are going to be out to get him. He had his time in the sun last year and this year I think he is going to have a real rough year. I think he probably should have taken that Baylor job or another job when he got the chance."

—a WAC assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. SMU
Did well in the Dallas area and picked up coveted in-state RB Michael Massey.

2. San Jose State
Beat Oklahoma and Nebraska for RB Tyson Thompson.

3. Hawaii
WR Jason Rivers chose UH over four Pac-10 schools.

4. Fresno State
Pat Hill cleaned up in San Joaquin Valley—again.

5. Nevada
Wolf Pack fans hope big, fast WR Willie Johnson is an instant fix for graduated Nate Burleson.

6. Tulsa
Oklahoma's all-time leading high school passer (Paul Smith) stayed with Hurricane through coaching change.

7. Rice
Owls beat SMU and TCU to sign swift option QB Joel Armstrong.

8. Louisiana Tech
Nationally ranked kicker (Zach Myatt) will be waiting when Josh Scobee graduates.

9. Boise State
Broncos draw a high pair with versatile OL twins Jeff and Pete Cavender from Elko, Nev.

10. UTEP
Talented DBs headline small class that was light on linemen.

With membership set, WAC moves forward off field while providing fireworks on it

By JIMMIE TRAMEL and MIKE BROWN
Tulsa World

Four football seasons have passed since divorce split the 16-team incarnation of the Western Athletic Conference into two leagues—the WAC and the Mountain West Conference.

Two football seasons have passed since the WAC endured any defections or took on new members.

"I think everybody is tired of looking in the rear-view mirror," says WAC Commissioner Karl Benson. "Our athletic directors came together last fall and confronted each other and said, 'Let's move forward together.'

"And I think that there is a sense of stability that wasn't there before. We can never determine what is going to happen around us, but there has also been a consensus that the current 10-team WAC can be awfully good in a lot of different sports, including football, and that if we truly stick together and build the WAC as it is, we can be just as good, if not better, than any of the other leagues outside of the BCS six."

Benson thinks league members have proven during the last four years that they can "not only hold our own, but we have outperformed those other leagues on many occasions."

Games to watch

Fresno State at Hawaii, Oct. 11
Early clash of heavyweights could ultimately decide WAC crown.

Louisiana Tech at LSU, Nov. 1
Tech plays in-state rival Tigers for the first time in 62 years.

Boise State at Fresno State, Nov. 22
Bulldogs haven't forgotten 67-21 drubbing in Boise last year.

Fresno State roared into the national spotlight two seasons ago behind former Bulldogs quarterback David Carr, now the starting signal-caller for the Houston Texans and the No. 1 overall pick in the 2002 NFL Draft.

Boise State, the 2002 league champion, enters this season with an 11-game winning streak, second only to Ohio State's 14-game streak.

The WAC can continue to enhance its image by winning regular-season games against non-league opponents. The conference needs increased TV exposure and a secure spot in the bowl universe (there are three guaranteed bowl spots this year).

Regardless of membership changes, the new WAC seems to have inherited the old WAC's offensive mentality. Six WAC teams scored at least 26 points per game last season.

ALL-WAC TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Ryan Dinwiddie**, sr., Boise State
RB—**Rodney Davis**, sr., Fresno State
RB—**Keylon Kincade**, sr., SMU
WR—**Bernard Berrian**, sr., Fresno State
WR—**Marque Davis**, sr., Fresno State
WR—**Chad Owens**, jr., Hawaii
OL—**Joseph Hayes**, sr., San Jose State
OL—**Trey Darilek**, sr., UTEP
OL—**Ben Stephens**, sr., Rice
OL—**Harvey Dahl**, jr., Nevada
OL—**Logan Mankins**, jr., Fresno State
PK—**Josh Scobee**, sr., Louisiana Tech

DEFENSE

DL—**Jorge Cordova**, sr., Nevada
DL—**Isaac Sopoaga**, sr., Hawaii
DL—**Philip Perry**, sr., San Jose State
LB—**Bryce McGill**, sr., Fresno State
LB—**Andy Avalos**, jr., Boise State
LB—**Jeff Vanover**, sr., Rice
LB—**Brian Bischoff**, sr., SMU
DB—**Gabe Franklin**, jr., Boise State
DB—**Gerald Jones**, sr., San Jose State
DB—**Hyrum Peters**, sr., Hawaii
DB—**Kelvin Millhouse**, sr., Hawaii
P—**Derek Jones**, sr., Nevada

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

Hawaii
RAINBOW WARRIORS

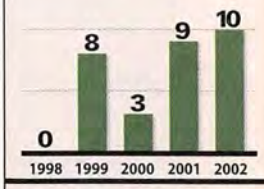
2002 Record: 10-4 overall, 7-1 WAC *(lost to Tulane in the Hawaii Bowl, 36-28)*

Official athletic Web site: www.uhathletics.hawaii.edu

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Appalachian State		
S.13	@USC		
S.20	@UNLV		
S.27	Rice	W	33-28
O.4	@Tulsa	W	37-14
O.11	Fresno State	W	31-21
O.18	@Louisiana Tech		
O.25	UTEP	W	31-6
N.1	@San Jose State	W	40-31
N.15	@Nevada	W	59-34
N.22	Army		
N.29	Alabama	L	16-21
D.6	Boise State	L	31-58

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 55/21

OFFENSE

QB	14	Timmy Chang (6-2, 191, Jr.)
	8	Jason Whieldon (6-1, 187, Sr.)
RB	20	John West (5-10, 180, Sr, San Diego, CA)
	1	Mike Bass (5-6, 158, Jr, Corona, CA)
OT	64	Samson Satele (6-2, 289, Fr.)
	72	Dane Uperesa (6-4, 305, Fr.)
OG	77	Shayne Kajioka (6-3, 308, Sr.)
	66	Brandon Eaton (6-3, 301, So.)
C	59	Derek Faavi (6-0, 266, So.)
	67	Phil Kauffman (6-1, 283, Jr.)
OT	72	Dane Uperesa (6-4, 305, Fr.)
	71	Ryan Santos (6-5, 320, Jr.)
OG	69	Uriah Moenoa (6-3, 327, Jr.)
	75	Chad Kahale (6-1, 337, Sr.)
WR	87	Kanale George (6-2, 193, Jr.)
	81	Lamont Williams (6-0, 163, Fr.)
WR	2	Chad Owens (5-9, 177, Jr.)
	84	Britton Komine (5-9, 184, So.)
WR	4	Nate Ilaoa (5-9, 204, So.)
	21	Clifton Herbert (5-8, 157, Sr.)
WR	19	Jeremiah Cockheran (6-0, 193, Sr.)
	83	Mike Akiu (5-8, 164, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	93	Houston Ala (6-1, 250, Sr.)
	11	Kevin Jackson (6-5, 229, Sr.)
DT	97	Isaac Sopoaga (6-3, 315, Sr.)
	96	Tala Esera (6-3, 265, Fr.)
DT	92	Lance Samuseva (5-11, 290, Sr.)
	94	Abu Maafala (6-2, 268, So.)
DE	1	Travis LaBoy (6-4, 249, Sr.)
	30	Kila Kamakawioole (6-3, 231, So.)
LB	33	Hyrum Peters (5-8, 188, Sr.)
	15	Lono Manners (5-11, 154, So.)
LB	56	Chad Kalilimoku (5-11, 243, Sr.)
	45	Tanuvasa Moe (5-11, 218, So.)
LB	51	Ikaika Curnan (5-11, 210, So.)
	29	Kilinahe Noa (6-0, 213, Jr.)
LB	17	David Gilmore (6-0, 197, Sr.)
	42	Leonard Peters (6-1, 174, So.)
CB	37	Abraham Elimimian (5-10, 173, Jr.)
	24	Kenny Patton (6-0, 170, So.)
CB	3	Kelvin Millhouse (6-1, 205, Sr.)
	27	Gary Wright (5-10, 201, Sr.)
ROV	46	Keani Alapa (6-0, 221, Sr.)
	48	Patrick Lavar Harley (6-0, 220, Jr.)

Chang armed and ready to lead Rainbow Warriors to top of WAC

Last winter, June Jones demonstrated plainly his intention to coach in Hawaii for a long time by dropping out of consideration for the head-coaching job at Oregon State.

But as spring drills opened for his Rainbow Warriors, Jones was eight months from the end of his original five-year contract, still without the extension and hefty raise many felt he richly deserved.

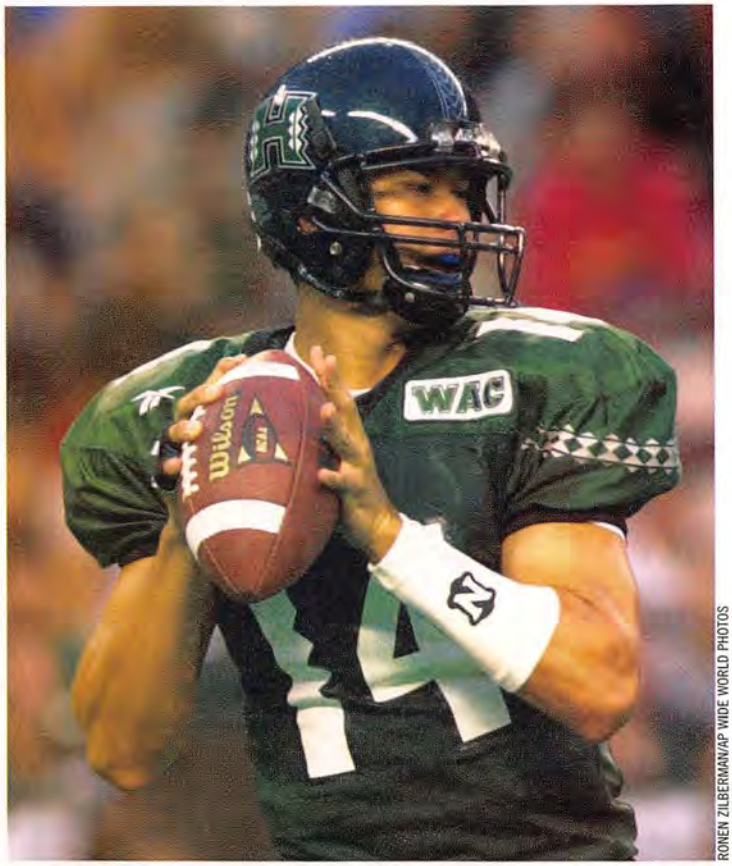
In four years, he's transformed Hawaii's program from one of the worst in the nation to one of the best in the WAC. Last year's 10-win campaign was just the third in school history.

School officials have wanted to increase Jones' $320,000 salary since his first season (1999) when he engineered the greatest one-year turnaround (0-12 to 9-4) in Division I-A history. But they've never been able to agree on terms with Jones and his agent.

In January, university President Evan Dobelle said Jones deserved a salary comparable to the highest-paid 20 percent of I-A coaches. With Hawaii's athletic department running at deficits the past two years, outside donations were reportedly being sought to help pay the $600,000 to $1 million annual salary Jones expected to receive.

On the field, the Warriors should be at least as dangerous in 2003 if Jones can overhaul an offensive line that lost three veterans. It's possible because the program is finally producing linemen in sufficient numbers on both sides of the ball, and because Jones has some youngsters with star potential.

The schedule provides an inside track to the second WAC title of his tenure, with home games against league contenders Fresno State and Boise State.



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Timmy Chang, *QB*

Jones tinkered defensively in the spring, scrapping the read-and-react principles of former defensive coordinator Kevin Lempa (who left to coach defensive backs at Boston College) for a more simple and direct approach.

Presumably, Jones wants to unleash the wrath of a defensive line that he calls "the best the school has ever had" on opposing quarterbacks. He says senior tackle Isaac Sopoaga is a potential NFL first-round draft pick. With ends Houston Ala and Travis LaBoy and tackle Lance Samuseva, "we've got some pretty talented guys," he adds.

Junior quarterback Timmy Chang became Hawaii's all-time passing leader last season when he threw for 4,474 yards. The Warriors ranked second nationally in passing, and Jones says the receiving corps could be even better, despite the graduation of Justin Colbert, who finished as the school's all-time leading receiver.

The returning quartet of Chad Owens, Britton Komine, Jeremiah Cockheran and Nate Ilaoa combined for 200 catches and 2,699 yards.

Jones has talented candidates to fill those vacated offensive line spots, but would rather have the experience of his departed three-year starters, third-round NFL pick Vince Manuwai and Lui Fuata. He does have one powerful building block in 327-pound junior tackle Uriah Moenoa, who has started every game since his freshman year.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Aloha Stadium
Capacity: 50,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
June Jones, 5th Year
Record: 31-20
Career Record: 31-20

ASST. COACHES
Mike Cavanaugh (OL), **Tyson Helton** (Off. Asst.), **Ron Lee** (WRs), **George Lumpkin** (LBs), **Rich Miano** (DBs), **Dan Morrison** (QBs), **Vantz Singletary** (DL), **Wes Suan** (RBs)

Fresno State
BULLDOGS

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

2002 Record: 9-5 overall, 6-2 WAC *(beat Georgia Tech in the Silicon Valley Classic, 30-21)*

Official athletic Web site: www.gobulldogs.com

Offense will continue to be no problem for Pat Hill's Fresno connection

For some years now, Pat Hill has been arranging murderous non-conference schedules to get his Bulldogs noticed. Something must have worked, because Fresno State was ranked as the nation's 26th-best Division I-A team over the past three years in a survey conducted by *College Football News*.

Comparing factors such as attendance, graduation rates, quality wins and players chosen in the NFL Draft over the past three years, the survey rated the Bulldogs ahead of Texas A&M (29th), UCLA (41st), Ole Miss (44th), BYU (47th), Oregon State (50th) and Stanford (53rd).

Fresno State was the WAC's highest-rated school (Boise State was 30th). Marshall (18th) and Toledo (25th) were the only mid-majors ranked higher.

Two years ago, Fresno State rose to national prominence by beating Colorado, Oregon State and Wisconsin in successive weeks, eventually climbing to No. 8 in the Associated Press rankings. Hill outdid himself with his 2003 schedule, providing another opportunity for a meteoric rise.

In between September games at Tennessee and Oklahoma (fifth and third, respectively, in the same survey), the Bulldogs play Oregon State at home. They also have a game at Mountain West champion Colorado State, which they've beaten each of the past two years.

Winning any combination of those games would be a daunting task, but Hill has a loaded offense and a superstar from the 2001 team to make it possible. All-American Bernard Berrian redshirted after spraining his knee in last year's opener against Wisconsin. He and returning senior Marque Davis will surely give the Bulldogs one of the most feared receiving tandems in the land.

There is also star quality at tailback in Rodney Davis, who rushed for a school-record 1,586 yards last season, and quarterback Paul Pinegar, who played like a pro as a redshirt freshman in 2002. He stepped in for injured starter Jeff Grady and threw for a freshman school-record 2,929 yards and 20 TDs.

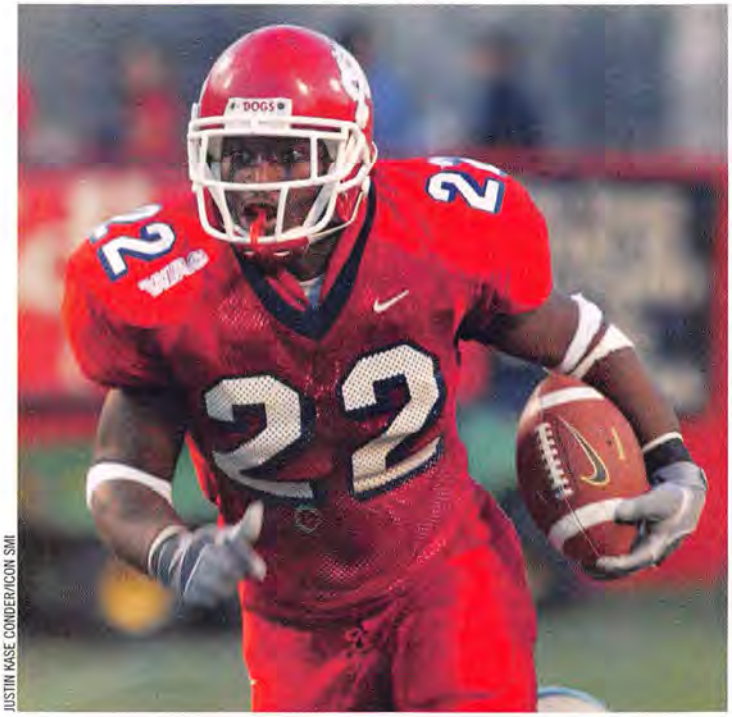
Sixteen starters return from a 9-5 squad that won its final five games and beat Georgia Tech in the Silicon Valley Classic. The Bulldogs lost narrowly to Wisconsin and Oregon State, and all five losses were against teams that spent time in the Top 25 and played in bowl games.

Hill must replace talented end Nick Burley among five defensive starters, but transfer Donyell Booker should make an immediate impact at noseguard, while senior Bryce McGill heads up a sold linebacking corps. Four sophomores will probably start in the defensive backfield, but one of them, strong safety James Sanders, was a Freshman All-American.

Only slight adjustments will be required of an offense that averaged 27 points and 374 yards per game last season. With Berrian, the Bulldogs return their three leading receivers. Davis caught passes for 956 yards and sophomores-to-be Jermaine Jamison and Adam Jennings combined for almost 1,000 more.

Berrian (6-2, 190) is a prototype NFL receiver who also returns kickoffs and punts with game-breaking effect. Two years ago, he led the nation and set a WAC record with 2,519 all-purpose yards. Just ask the Wisconsin Badgers about the game-turning 96-yard kickoff return he had against them.

Rodney Davis, *RB*



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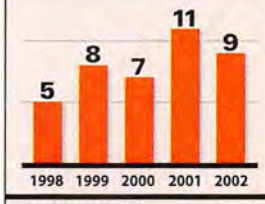
STADIUM INFO	THE COACH	ASST. COACHES
Name: Bulldog Stadium **Capacity:** 41,031 **Playing Surface:** Grass	**Pat Hill,** 7th Year **Record:** 46-30 **Career Record:** 46-30	**John Baxter** (Asst. Head Coach/WRs/STs), **Dan Brown** (Def. Coor./LBs), **Frank Cignetti** (Off. Coor./QBs), **Kerry Locklin** (DL), **Tom Mason** (LBs), **John Settle** (RBs), **Tim Simmons** (TEs), **Randy Stewart** (secondary), **Dennis Wagner** (Asst. Head Coach/OL)

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@Tennessee		
S.6	Oregon State	L	19-59
S.13	@Oklahoma		
S.20	Louisiana Tech	W	45-13
S.27	Portland State		
O.4	@Colorado State	W	32-30
O.11	@HAWAII	L	21-31
O.25	Rice	W	31-28
N.1	@Southern Methodist	W	30-7
N.8	@Neveda	W	38-30
N.15	San Jose State	W	19-16
N.21	Boise State	L	21-67
N.29	@UTEP		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 42/14

OFFENSE		
QB	13	Paul Pinegar (6-5, 220, So.)
	15	Jeff Grady (6-2, 195, Sr.)
FB	33	James Cummings (5-8, 209, So.)
	41	Jamal Jones (5-10, 230, Jr.)
TB	22	Rodney Davis (5-8, 210, Sr.)
	34	Bryson Sumlin (5-10, 193, So.)
OT	74	Logan Mankins (6-4, 305, Jr.)
	63	Kawika Edwards (6-4, 300, R-Jr.)
OG	77	James Martin (6-4, 305, R-Jr.)
	53	Doug Roush (6-3, 231, So.)
C	70	Sean Finnerty (6-3, 305, So.)
	54	Kyle Sweeney (6-4, 280, R-Jr.)
OG	50	Dartagnon Shack (6-2, 309, So.)
	66	Dan Budd (6-4, 285, R-Fr.)
OT	68	Matt Stevenson (6-7, 280, So.)
	59	Kyle Young (6-5, 320, R-Fr.)
TE	86	Duncan Reid (6-6, 220, Jr.)
	82	Mark Wood (6-4, 250, Jr.)
WR	1	Marque Davis (6-0, 190, Sr.)
	87	Deandre Gilbert (5-10, 180, Sr.)
WR	2	Bernard Berrian (6-2, 190, R-Sr.)
	6	Jermaine Jamison (6-3, 190, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	47	Claude Sanders (6-3, 230, Jr.)
	55	Brian Morris (6-1, 260, Sr.)
DT	56	Fai Satele (6-1, 290, Jr.)
	64	Johnny Sotelo (6-4, 250, So.)
NT	99	Donyell Booker (6-2, 305, Jr.)
	92	Del Hawkins (6-0, 270, Jr.)
DE	71	Garrett McIntyre (6-2, 250, So.)
	93	Clarence Denning (6-3, 280, R-Jr.)
LB	5	Bryce McGill (5-11, 210, Sr.)
	44	Kyle Goodman (6-0, 230, So.)
LB	31	Marc Dailey (6-1, 235, Jr.)
	52	James Lolohea (6-2, 220, R-Fr.)
LB	35	David Adamoi (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	45	Todd Garcia (6-1, 230, Jr.)
CB	29	Raymond Washington (6-1, 200, So.)
	27	Awan Diles (5-9, 180, So.)
CB	39	Kendall Edwards (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	26	Richard Marshall (5-11, 170, R-Fr.)
SS	23	James Sanders (5-11, 200, So.)
	3	Nate Ray (6-1, 200, Jr.)
FS	36	Tyrone Culver (6-1, 200, So.)
	10	Dee Meza (5-9, 185, Sr.)
SPECIAL TEAMS		
PK	38	Brett Visintainer (6-0, 165, R-Jr.)
P	37	Mike Lingua (6-0, 190, R-Fr.)

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 31/14

OFFENSE

QB	7	Ryan Dinwiddie (6-1 189 Sr.)
FB	30	Greg Swenson (5-10 215 Sr.)
TB	3	David Mikell (5-11 204 Sr.)
OT	73	Daryn Colledge (6-5 288 So.)
OG	70	Michael Ansel (6-3 287 Jr.)
C	66	Mike MacLeod (6-2 278 Sr.)
OG	68	Tyrone Tutogi (6-1 273 Sr.)
OT	61	Rusty Colburn (6-5 313 Jr.)
TE	82	Kevin Louwsma (6-5 250 Sr.)
WR	87	Tim Gilligan (5-9 175 Sr.)
WR	83	Jerry Smith (5-10 170 Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Julius Roberts (6-5 234 Jr.)
DT	90	Paul Allen (6-2 293 Sr.)
DT	69	Dane Oldham (6-3 265 Sr.)
DE	42	Jason Wardlow (6-3 225 So.)
LB	13	Travis Burgher (6-1 209 Sr.)
LB	48	Clint Furr (6-0 231 So.)
LB	40	Andy Avalos (5-10 213 Jr.)
CB	6	Julius Brown (5-10 176 Sr.)
CB	16	Gabe Franklin (5-10 176 Sr.)
FS	21	Wes Nurse (5-10 190 Sr.)
ROV	22	Chris Carr (5-9 181 Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	85	Tyler Jones (6-1 188 Jr.)
P	14	Sean Steichen (6-0 194 So.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Bronco Stadium
Capacity: 30,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Dan Hawkins, 8th Year
Record: 20-5
Career Record: 60-16-1

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 3

Boise State
BRONCOS

2002 Record: 12-1 overall, 8-0 WAC *(beat Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl, 34-16)*

Official athletic Web site: www.broncosports.com

Boise State's emphasis will have to shift to defense if the Broncos (12-1) are to approach their unprecedented successes of last season, when they thundered unbeaten to their first WAC title and won their third Humanitarian Bowl in four years.

Last year, they had the best offense *and* best defense in the league. They led the nation in total offense while outscoring league foes by 37 points per game.

Ryan Dinwiddie, *QB*

All-league quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie returns to start for the third straight year, but eight other offensive starters played their last game in the 34-16 bowl victory over Iowa State. That includes tailback Brock Forsey, who finished as the second-leading rusher in school history.

Safety Quintin Mikell, the league's 2002 Defensive Player of the Year, has also finished his eligibility, but coach Dan Hawkins returns seven other defensive starters, including the leading the tackler from last year, linebacker Andy Avalos.

David Mikell (no relation to Quintin) is available at tailback after backing up Forsey the past two years. An electrifying all-purpose runner, Mikell ranked 18th nationally in kickoff returns last season and has scored 25 touchdowns and rushed for 1,506 yards over his first three years.

The defensive secondary will be the most experienced part of the team, with a trio of third-year starters in safety Wes Nurse and cornerbacks Gabe Franklin and Julius Brown. They've combined for 21 career pass interceptions, and Franklin had eight himself last year, good for fifth nationally.

The Broncos will have to win on the road in 2003, with non-conference games at BYU and Oregon State and key conference games at Hawaii and Fresno State.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
S.6	Idaho State
S.13	@Idaho
S.20	@Oregon State
S.27	Wyoming
O.4	@Louisiana Tech
O.11	Tulsa
O.18	@Southern
O.25	San Jose State
N.7	@Brigham Young
N.15	UTEP
N.21	@Fresno State
N.29	Nevada
D.6	@Hawaii

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 19
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/11

OFFENSE

QB	5	Jeff Rowe (6-5, 209, So.)
RB	23	Chance Kretschmer (6-1, 226, Jr.)
RB	5	Del McGee (6-0, 195, Jr.)
OT	78	Alan Parker (6-5, 314, Sr.)
OG	62	Chris Hines (6-2, 299, Jr.)
C	77	Kyle Gosselin (6-5, 280, So.)
OT	74	Harvey Dahl (6-5, 309, Jr.)
OG	79	Isaiah Ross (6-3, 3228, Sr.)
TE	83	Anthony Pudewell (6-4, 250, So.)
WR	84	Nichiren Flowers (6-3, 202, So.)
WR	9	Tim Fleming (6-1, 184, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	55	Jorge Cordova (6-2, 250, Sr.)
DT	56	Derek Kennard, Jr. (6-1, 285, Sr.)
DT	95	Chris Barry (6-3, 294, Jr.)
DE	91	J.J. Milan (6-5, 255, So.)
LB	10	Daryl Towns (6-1, 230, Sr.)
LB	26	Logan Carter (6-3, 215, So.)
CB	29	Chris Handy (5-11, 189, So.)
CB	8	Marlon McLaughlin (5-10, 180, Jr.)
CB	1	Leondre Lewis (5-10, 176, Sr.)
FS	39	Keone Kauo (5-11, 188, Jr.)
ROV	19	Carl LaGrone, Jr. (6-3, 230, Sr.)
ROV	6	Ronnie Hardiman (6-0, 195, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	36	Damon Fine (5-9, 147, Jr.)
P	37	Derek Jones (6-3, 234, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Mackay Stadium
Capacity: 31,545
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Chris Tormey, 4th Year
Record: 10-25
Career Record: 43-25

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 4

Nevada
WOLF PACK

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 4-4 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.nevadawolfpack.com

The Wolf Pack (5-7) has improved in each of coach Chris Tormey's first three seasons, and should do so again if fourth-year Nevada coach can find adequate replacements at two key offensive spots.

Tormey has Willie Johnson, a juco transfer from Fresno (Calif.) City College who originally signed with the Pack three years ago, waiting in the wings to replace wideout Nate Burleson, who led the nation in catches per game last season.

Quarterback Zack Threadrill threw for 3,416 yards and 26 touchdowns last year and ranked 21st nationally in passer efficiency. Jeff Rowe backed up Threadgill as a true freshman last season and went to spring drills with a slight edge over two others to become the starter.

Otherwise, the Wolf Pack returns 19 starters, more any than other WAC team. Most of those players have started two and three seasons, and the list doesn't include tailback Chance Kretschmer and two others who started during the 2001 season but missed last year with injuries.

Tormey went to spring practice with 81 players, a far cry from the days when he started 11 freshmen and relied on walk-ons as backups.

"We pretty much started at rock-bottom three years ago," says Tormey, who had his contract extended for two years. "We're a much more competitive team now."

Last year, the Wolf Pack defeated regional rival Brigham Young for the first time in school history and tied for fourth in the league with its best-ever WAC record of 4-4. Four of the team's seven losses were by margins of eight points or less.

The Pack might have fared even better if Kretschmer, who led the nation in rushing as a freshman with 1,732 yards, hadn't blown out his knee in the second game. He underwent surgery and sat out spring drills, but was said to be progressing satisfactorily toward recovery.

Defensive end Jorge Cordova, who led the WAC in sacks (8.5) last season, and junior offensive tackle Harvey Dahl head up the list of returning starters.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Southern Utah
S.6	@Oregon
S.18	@San Jose State
S.27	Southern Methodist
O.4	UNLV
O.11	@Washington
O.18	@Tulsa
O.25	Louisiana Tech
N.1	@Rice
N.8	Fresno State
N.15	Hawaii
N.29	@Boise State

Louisiana Tech
BULLDOGS

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 4-8 overall, 3-5 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.latechsports.com

You would have a hard time convincing Louisiana Tech coach Jack Bicknell III that there is a statistical category more important than turnover margin.

The Bulldogs ranked 26th nationally two years ago and went 7-5 and won the WAC title. Louisiana Tech sank to 102nd nationally in turnover margin last season and the victory total plummeted. The Bulldogs went 4-8 and tied for sixth in the league.

"I feel like we had a pretty good team and competed and all that," Bicknell says, "but when you turn the ball over, you are going to lose."

Can you pin all the troubles on turnover margin? Why not? In terms of yardage, the Bulldogs produced almost identical total offense and total defense averages during the good year and bad year. Quarterback Luke McCown has thrown for more career yards (9,420) than any returning player in college football, but the 6-4 senior shoulders some of the blame for the turnover ratio. He threw twice as many touchdown passes as interceptions during his sophomore season, but had 19 of each as a junior.

McCown, who ranked sixth nationally in total offense last season, won't lack targets. Chris Norwood and D.J. Curry combined for 118 receptions last season. They rank first and fourth, respectively, among returning WAC players in catches per game.

Bicknell must find a replacement for running back Joe Smith, who produced 1,216 of the team's 1,382 rushing yards last season. Ralph Davis or Ryan Moats will run behind a line that lost three starters.

Defense has been a sore spot. Tech has allowed opponents to crack the 30-point barrier in 19 of 24 games since joining the WAC. The Bulldogs were able to outscore opponents two years ago, but scoring dropped roughly eight points per game last season and the defense failed to compensate.

Bicknell says it is a plus that defensive players won't have to learn a new system. A multiple 4-3 defense was installed prior to last season.

The left side of the defensive line and all three starting linebackers must be replaced. That could mean another big workload for free safety Michael Johnson (113 tackles).

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Miami (FL)
S.6	@Louisiana-LaFayette
S.13	@Michigan State
S.20	@Fresno State
O.4	Boise State
O.11	@UTEP
O.18	Hawaii
O.25	@Nevada
N.1	@LSU
N.8	Southern Methodist
N.15	@Tulsa
N.29	Rice

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 53/20

OFFENSE		
QB	11	Luke McCown (6-4, 200, Sr.)
RB	6	Ralph Davis (6-0, 218, Sr.)
OT	76	Clarence Casey (6-3, 297, Sr.)
OG	64	Aaron Lips (6-5, 292, So.)
C	56	Marcus Stewart (6-2, 298, So.)
OG	72	Adrian Gonzalez (6-5, 297, Jr.)
OT	67	Michael Gilmore (6-5, 308, Sr.)
TE	84	Aaron Capps (6-6, 250, Jr.)
WR	88	Tramissian Davis (6-0, 175, Jr.)
WR	14	Chris Norwood (6-0, 181, Sr.)
WR	7	D.J. Curry (5-10, 180, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	90	Booker T. Washington (6-3, 249, Sr.)
DT	96	Chris Van Hoy (6-4, 293, Jr.)
DT	95	Lacorey Street (6-7, 314, Sr.)
DE	45	Travon Brown (6-2, 251, Jr.)
LB	47	John Nash (6-0, 237, Jr.)
LB	25	Jonte Price (5-11, 227, Sr.)
LB	51	Antonio Crow (6-0, 230, Sr.)
CB	28	Kevin Brown (5-10, 171, Sr.)
CB	1	Corey Brazil (5-7, 190, Sr.)
SS	34	Gavin Cato (6-0, 190, Sr.)
FS	21	Michael Johnson (5-10, 193, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	23	Josh Scobee (6-2, 186, Sr.)
P	37	Dustin Upton (6-0, 206, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Joe Alliet Stadium
Capacity: 30,600
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Jack Bicknell, 5th Year
Record: 22-25
Career Record: 22-25

San Jose State
SPARTANS

CONFERENCE RANK: 6

2002 Record: 6-7 overall, 4-4 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.sjsuspartans.com

Dr. Fitz Hill has a way of keeping things in perspective when his Spartan football program isn't running smoothly. He remembers those who have faced much graver difficulties.

Hill, a former U.S. Army officer decorated for his role in the first war with Iraq 12 years ago, watched Operation Iraqi Freedom with more than passing interest last spring.

Hill's Spartans improved visibly in his second season. They won twice as many games (from three to six), upset Illinois of the Big Ten and finished a surprising fourth in the WAC (tied with Nevada), all factors that no doubt contributed to his receiving a four-year contract extension.

The Spartans had just 61 athletes on scholarship, and Hill says they "ran out of gas" after a 4-2 start that included the 38-35 upset of Illinois. Hill addressed the situation by signing 33 new players, including three junior college All-Americans. That group should bolster a squad of 15 returning starters and 44 lettermen.

Quarterback Scott Rislov set a school record for total offense (3,264 yards) and returns with four of the offensive linemen who blocked for him while he was doing it.

Defensive end Philip Perry and safety Gerald Jones are the top returnees from a defense that ranked fourth nationally in turnovers gained (38). Jones tied for second nationally with eight pass interceptions and Perry tied for third in the country by forcing seven fumbles.

Kendrick Starling, *WR*

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2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.23	Grambling State
A.30	@Florida
S.6	@Standford
S.18	Nevada
O.4	@Rice
O.11	Southern Methodist
O.25	@Boise State
N.1	Hawaii
N.8	@UTEP
N.15	@Fresno State
N.22	Tulsa

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 15
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/16

OFFENSE		
QB	5	Scott Rislov (6-2, 214, Sr.)
TB	36	Damarcus Ingram (5-9, 218, Sr.)
OT	70	Joseph Hayes (6-5, 310, Sr.)
OG	65	Kevin Israel (6-2, 310, Sr.)
C	77	LaMons Walker (6-3, 270, Sr.)
OG	66	Justin Arrington (6-1, 300, Sr.)
OT	78	Jeff Gordon (6-4, 287, Sr.)
TE	19	Courtney Anderson (6-7, 267, Sr.)
WR	1	Kendrick Starling (6-1, 183, Sr.)
WR	3	Tuati Wooden (6-0, 192, Sr.)
WR	11	Jamall Broussard (5-9, 177, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	49	Tony Ficklin (6-2, 257, Jr.)
DT	69	Kinji Green (6-2, 263, So.)
DT	54	Larnell Ransom (6-1, 257, So.)
DE	56	Philip Perry (6-2, 254, Sr.)
LB	35	Onyeka Ossai (6-1, 217, Sr.)
LB	9	Paul Okumu (6-0, 234, Sr.)
CB	34	Trestin George (5-9, 173, So.)
CB	24	Malcolm Thompson (6-1, 183, So.)
S	33	Josh Powell (6-3, 196, Jr.)
S	21	Eric Wilson (5-9, 196, Jr.)
S	38	Gerald Jones (6-0, 196, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK		Jeff Carr (6-1, 188, Jr.)
P	97	Bryce Partridge (6-3, 198, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Spartan Stadium
Capacity: 31,218
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Fitz Hill, 3rd Year
Record: 9-16
Career Record: 9-16

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/18

OFFENSE

QB	13	Richard Bartel (6-5, 215, So.)
FB	20	Derron Brown (5-10, 215, Jr.)
TB	32	Keylon Kincade (5-11, 210, Sr.)
OT	60	Eric Neal (6-4, 295, Jr.)
OG	62	Brad Kieschnick (6-3, 290, So.)
C	69	Steve Reindl (6-3, 285, Sr.)
OG	70	Townsend Hargis (6-4, 300, Jr.)
OT	75	Sterling Harris (6-6, 310, Sr.)
TE	49	Trent Hmcir (6-5, 233, Sr.)
WR	83	Trey Griffin (5-10, 180, Jr.)
WR	7	Daniel Francis (5-11, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Melvin Williams (6-2, 245, Jr.)
DT	14	Allan Adami (6-4, 265, Jr.)
NG	68	Randy Denman (6-2, 260, Fr.)
DE	30	Don Ieremia-Stansbury (6-2, 240, So.)
LB	46	Brian Bischoff (6-1, 219, Sr.)
LB	35	D.D. Lee (6-2, 234, Jr.)
LB	38	D.D. Johnson (6-0, 223, Sr.)
CB	3	Jonas Rutledge (6-0, 190, Sr.)
CB	26	Rolando Humphrey (5-9, 170, So.)
SS	6	Rico Harris (6-2, 210, Jr.)
FS	16	Jamey Harper (6-1, 190, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	31	Chris McMurtray (6-1, 220, So.)
P	41	Ryan Mentzel (6-0, 193, So.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Gerald J. Ford Stacium
Capacity: 32,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Phil Bennett, 2nd Year
Record: 3-9
Career Record: 3-9

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 7

Southern Methodist
MUSTANGS

2002 Record: 3-9 overall, 3-5 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.smumustangs.com

The top Mustang in SMU's stable is a workhorse. Keylon Kincade set a school record with 327 rushing attempts last season, producing eight 100-yard games and the third-highest rushing total (1,279) in school history.

Kincade is positioned for a big senior campaign because four starting offensive linemen, including anchor Steve Reindl, return.

But SMU shouldn't have to rely so heavily on Kincade. The offense was a one-trick pony during the first half of last season because of an inconsistent passing game. The Mustangs threw for more than 150 yards just once during an 0-7 start.

Enter Richard Bartel. The former Cincinnati Reds baseball farmhand took over for Tate Wallis during the last five games and directed SMU to three victories.

Bartel's completion percentage of 60.1 percent was the best by a Mustang since Mike Romo hit 60.7 percent of his attempts in 1990. If Bartel had played in enough games to be eligible for NCAA statistical rankings, his pass-efficiency rating would have been the WAC's fourth best.

Wallis and Bartel were pressed into duty as freshmen because two quarterbacks left the team—one joined the business world and the other gave up football to be in a rock band.

The passing game took another hit when Chris Cunningham, SMU's leading receiver in 2001, suffered a season-ending foot injury two weeks before the 2002 opener. Coach Phil Bennett wants his team to be more two-dimensional and the return of Cunningham is a step in the right direction.

SMU led the WAC in time of possession last season, but ranked last in the league and 113th nationally in scoring (17.2 ppg). The Mustangs reached the end zone 27 times in 12 games.

They also slumped to 86th nationally in total defense after ranking 22nd the year before. The descent was surprising considering that Bennett built his resume as a defensive coordinator at Kansas State, where his troops ranked among the top four nationally three straight seasons.

SMU allowed a league-low 218 first downs, but gave up too many big plays.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A. 30	@Texas Tech
S. 13	@Baylor
S. 20	Oklahoma State
S. 27	@Nevada
O. 4	UTEP
O. 11	@San Jose State
O. 18	Boise State
O. 25	@Tulsa
N. 1	Fresno State
N. 8	@Louisiana tech
N. 15	Rice
N. 29	TCU

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/18

OFFENSE

QB	1	Kyle Herm (5-8, 175, Sr.)
FB	41	Robbie Beck (5-10, 220, Sr.)
HB	23	Clint Hatfield (5-9, 185, Jr.)
HB	7	Joe Moore (5-10, 205, Jr.)
OT	60	Scott Mayhew (6-6, 280, Jr.)
OG	76	Micah Meador (6-2, 295, Jr.)
C	52	Ben Stephens (6-2, 300, Sr.)
OG	53	Mike Holman (6-3, 290, Sr.)
OT	69	Chris DeMunbrun (6-4, 295, Sr.)
TE	89	Joe Wood (6-1, 235, So.)
SE	11	Marcus Battle (5-9, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	62	Jimmy Shaw (6-4, 230, Fr.)
DT	90	Jeremy Calahan (6-3, 270, Jr.)
NG	78	Ross Lassley (6-2, 275, Sr.)
DE	47	John Syptak (6-2, 215, So.)
LB	4	Jeff Vanover (5-11, 210, Sr.)
LB	48	Adam Herrin (6-0, 215, So.)
CB	20	Patrick Dendy (6-0, 180, Sr.)
CB	2	Andray Downs (5-10, 170, Fr.)
SS	37	Michael Merrick (6-0, 195, So.)
FS	29	Raymorris Barnes (5-9, 170, Jr.)
ROV	10	Terry Holley (6-0, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	12	Brennan Landry (5-9, 175, So.)
P	85	Jared Scruggs (6-3, 165, Fr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Rice Stadium
Capacity: 70,000
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Ken Hatfield, 10th Year
Record: 46-53-1
Career Record: 159-115-4

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 8

Rice
OWLS

2002 Record: 4-7overall, 3-5 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.riceowls.com

The operative number for Rice is 30. Coach Ken Hatfield says his team has won every game the last two seasons when his offense had an average starting position outside the 30-yard line. And he believes his team has lost every game when the average starting point was inside the 30.

It sounds simple enough, so Hatfield is emphasizing special-teams execution in hopes of securing good field position in 2003. Rice ranked 96th nationally in net punting and 97th in punt returns last season. Improvement could result in enough hidden yardage to tip games in the Owls' favor.

One reason field position is so vital is because of a run-dependent, spread-option offense. The Owls ranked sixth nationally in rushing last season while leading the nation in fewest pass completions (67) and attempts (151).

Rice has ranked among the nation's top 10 rushing teams in six consecutive seasons and led the WAC in rushing four times in that span. Get ready for another ground assault. The buzz around campus is that Hatfield could produce one of his best offenses in 10 years at the helm in Houston.

Two experienced quarterbacks return. Kyle Herm and Greg Henderson combined to run for 898 yards and throw for 1,091 last season. The Owls possess quality halfbacks and are as deep as they have ever been at fullback. Starting fullback Robbie Beck, the 11th-leading rusher in school history, collected a team-high 601 rushing yards last year.

When the Owls decide to wing it, split end Marcus Battle steps to the forefront. Battle caught 26 passes for 430 yards last season, becoming the first freshman ever to lead the team in catches and receiving yards.

Rice returns three offensive line starters, including highly regarded Ben Stephens, and Hatfield says replacements will come from a pool of players who alternated with starters in the past. Keeping the line healthy could determine whether the offense fulfills expectations.

On defense, only three starters—linebacker Jeff Vanover, defensive lineman Jeremy Calahan and defensive back Raymorris Barnes—return.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A. 30	@Houston
S. 13	@Duke
S. 20	Texas
S. 27	@Hawaii
O. 4	San Jose State
O. 18	Navy
O. 25	@Fresno State
N. 1	Nevada
N. 8	Tulsa
N. 15	@Southern Methodist
N. 22	UTEP
N. 29	@Louisiana Tech

Tulsa GOLDEN HURRICANE

CONFERENCE RANK: 9

2002 Record: 1-11 overall, 1-7 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.tulsahurricane.com

At his introductory press conference, new coach Steve Kragthorpe said there is nowhere to go but up for Golden Hurricane football.

Tulsa is coming off back-to-back, one-win seasons and last year tied a school record with 11 defeats. Fans tore down a goal post when the team ended a 17-game losing streak with a 20-0 victory over UTEP last October.

Former coach Keith Burns, whose three-year record was 7-28, resigned under pressure and Kragthorpe, who spent the last two years as the Buffalo Bills' quarterback coach, was hired to right the ship.

Kragthorpe's father, Dave, is a former head coach at Oregon State and Idaho State. Steve roamed the sidelines at BYU during his childhood years, when dad was a Cougar assistant.

Tulsa ranked last among WAC teams in total offense and next-to-last in total defense last season. The Golden Hurricane also struggled in the kicking game, converting only eight of 16 field-goal attempts and 15 of 22 PATs.

Tulsa hasn't had a winning season since 1991, but Kragthorpe thinks he can get the program over the hump. His first priority was hiring assistant coaches with recruiting ties in Oklahoma and Texas. Eight of his aides have coached in those states, including defensive coordinator Todd Graham.

Graham helped engineer at defensive revival at West Virginia last year. The Mountaineers ranked 104th in rushing defense in 2001, but catapulted to 30th last year after Graham was promoted to co-defensive coordinator.

He and WVU's staff scrapped an eight-man front and went to a stack formation with three linemen, three linebackers and three safeties. He's bringing the unorthodox defense to Tulsa, which ranked 114th in run defense last season and surrendered 5.7 yards per rushing attempt.

New offensive coordinator Charlie Stubbs, out of football since he served as Mike DuBose's quarterbacks coach at Alabama, coached previously in the WAC when BYU was still in the league and was UNLV's offensive coordinator when the Rebels ranked among the nation's top 25 passing teams in 1996-97.

Tulsa's returning players produced 95 percent of the team's yardage last season. Among them are tailback Eric Richardson, who had 957 rushing yards.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Minnesota
S.6	@Arkansas
S.13	Southwest Texas State
S.20	Arkansas State
O.4	Hawaii
O.11	@Boise State
O.18	Nevada
O.25	Southern Methodist
N.1	@UTEP
N.8	@Rice
N.15	Louisiana Tech
N.22	@San Jose State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 18
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/14

OFFENSE		
QB	19	Tyler Gooch (5-11, 188, Jr.)
FB	48	James Clancy (6-1, 253, Fr.)
RB	25	Eric Richardson (5-10, 175, Sr.)
OT	59	Austin Chadwick (6-4, 283, Sr.)
OG	61	Jesse Stoneham (6-4, 316, So.)
C	63	Derek Warehime (6-1, 283, Jr.)
OG	71	Matt Black (6-3, 300, Sr.)
OT	78	Jeff Perrett (6-7, 312, Fr.)
TE	16	Caleb Blankenship (6-3, 227, Jr.)
WR	82	Romby Bryant (6-2, 180, Sr.)
WR	84	Montiese Culton (6-2, 174, Jr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	90	Jeremy Davis (6-2, 255, Sr.)
NG	98	Tse Ogisi (6-2, 288, Sr.)
DE	95	Josh Walker (6-4, 249, Jr.)
LB	32	Jorma Bailey (5-11, 199, Sr.)
LB	57	Brendon Swisher (6-1, 211, Jr.)
LB	44	Josh DuPree (5-11, 201, Jr.)
SPR	3	Kedrick Alexander (6-1, 197, So.)
CB	2	Sherman Steptoe (5-9, 180, Sr.)
CB	7	Jermaine Hope (5-7, 154, Jr.)
FS	24	Jeff Thibodeaux (6-0, 174, Jr.)
ROV	47	Max Kraus (6-1, 175, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	29	Brad DeVault (6-0, 179, So.)
P	49	Cort Moffitt (6-3, 256, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Skelly Stadium
Capacity: 40,385
Playing Surface: Turf

THE COACH

Steve Kragthorpe, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

UTEP MINERS

CONFERENCE RANK: 10

2002 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-7 WAC

Official athletic Web site: www.utepathletics.com

Some gamblers believe you have to lose big before you can win big. UTEP has been losing big. The Miners are 4-19 over the last two seasons with two victories against Division I-A opponents.

Coach Gary Nord believes better days are ahead because he has resisted the quick-fix approach in hopes of laying a foundation for long-term success.

His plan? He is populating recruiting classes with high school signees instead of junior college transplants and he is redshirting as many freshmen as possible.

Biting the bullet can hurt. UTEP's average margin of defeat last season was 32.4 points. The Miners scored 28 touchdowns and allowed 70.

Nord says he felt like he was fielding a junior varsity team the last two seasons because the roster was heavy with freshmen and sophomores.

UTEP is blessed with 19 players who have started at least five games, including 12 on defense. The Miner defense ranked next-to-last nationally in points surrendered (42.6 per game) last season and allowed a WAC-high third-down-conversion rate of 46.8 percent.

The defense needs to come of age, but only three seniors were listed on the two-deep defensive chart during spring drills. Defensive tackle Dan Kerr and rover Tim Woodard, who led the Miners in tackles last season, will serve as building blocks for a unit that was bludgeoned by opposing running backs the last two seasons.

UTEP's offense was sabotaged by quarterback injuries last season. Jon Schaper started six games before breaking a collarbone and backup Orlando Cruz tore an ACL in the next game. Walk-on Omar Duarte started the final five games and earned a scholarship.

Cruz was unavailable for spring practice, but will compete with Duarte, Schaper and redshirt freshman Jordan Palmer in the fall. Palmer is the younger brother of 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.

The survivor of the quarterback derby will work behind offensive linemen Robert Clayton, Trey Darilek and Chris Kerr, who have combined for 75 starts. The blockers paved the way for running back Howard Jackson to accumulate 1,406 all-purpose yards last season.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Arizona
S.6	Cal Poly
S.13	San Diego State
S.20	@Louisville
S.27	Sam Houston State
O.4	@Southern Methodist
O.11	Louisiana Tech
O.25	@Hawaii
N.1	Tulsa
N.8	San Jose State
N.15	@Boise State
N.22	@Rice
N.29	Fresno State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 50/15

OFFENSE		
QB	19	Omar Duarte (6-2, 190, Jr.)
FB	5	Rovann Cleveland (6-0, 240, Sr.)
TB	4	Howard Jackson (5-10, 155, Jr.)
OT	79	Jose Garcia (6-4, 310, So.)
OG	64	Ben Graniello (6-3, 290, Jr.)
C	52	Chris Kerr (6-4, 280, Sr.)
OG	53	Robert Clayton (6-4, 300, Sr.)
OT	77	Trey Darilek (6-6, 300, Sr.)
TE	83	Jonas Crafts (6-4, 250, Jr.)
WR	35	Dirk Dillard (6-1, 190, Jr.)
WR	80	Chris Francies (6-2, 190, So.)
DEFENSE		
DE	96	Brandon Johnson (6-3, 230, So.)
DT	57	Dan Kerr (6-4, 275, Sr.)
DT	70	Chris Mineo (6-2, 275, So.)
DE	92	Ibok Ibok (6-5, 245, Jr.)
LB	45	Godwin Akinduro (6-4, 215, Jr.)
LB	40	Thomas Howard (6-3, 225, So.)
CB	31	Cedric Click (5-9, 180, So.)
CB	6	Jahmal Fenner (5-8, 180, Jr.)
SS	14	Mark Dowdy (5-11, 195, Jr.)
FS	18	Marshall Sanford (6-1, 200, So.)
ROV	11	Tim Woodard (5-11, 190, Sr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	48	Bryce Benekos (6-6, 190, Jr.)
P	48	Bryce Benekos (6-6, 190, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Sun Bowl Stadium
Capacity: 51,500
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Gary Nord, 4th Year
Record: 12-23
Career Record: 12-23

MOUNTAIN WEST *Predicted order of finish:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Colorado State the solid choice in a Mountain West with one less bowl spot to fill

By LOREN JORGENSEN
(Salt Lake City) Deseret Morning News

The Mountain West Conference is like a 10-year-old boy who wants to do everything his teenage brother does. The league wants so badly to be considered among the big boys in the college football world. It covets at least a small piece of the massive Bowl Championship Series pie.

But judging by its success (or lack thereof) in 2002, the MWC isn't ready to crash the BCS's party just yet.

The MWC went a combined 0-3 in bowl games last December. What's worse, the conference couldn't even fill its fourth bowl spot. The MWC had four berths lined up—but only three teams (Colorado State, Air Force and New Mexico) ended up being bowl-eligible. The other five schools couldn't even manage the six regular-season wins to "earn" the spot in the Seattle Bowl.

The league now hopes to prove that 2002 was just a down year. It wants to show that the previous two seasons—when league teams went a combined 5-1 in bowl games—was a better indicator of the quality of football played in the MWC.

Games to watch

BYU at New Mexico, Sept. 13
The first conference game of the year will show whether the Cougars are back or if New Mexico is a title contender.

Air Force at Colorado State, Oct. 16
This Thursday night ESPN game pits the MWC's top two teams and in-state rivals.

San Diego State at Colorado State, Nov. 15
Late-season game will likely have league championship/bowl implications at stake.

The conference's two Colorado schools—the only ones to finish with winning records last season—figure to be the teams to beat again this year. Colorado State returns scrambling quarterback Bradlee Van Pelt and a host of other top players, making the Rams the preseason favorite. But Air Force, guided by veteran QB Chance Harridge, should also be strong.

New Mexico, San Diego State and BYU figure to be battling for bowl bids as well.

With the Seattle Bowl failing to be renewed for certification in April, the MWC is now down to three bowl tie-ins (Liberty, Las Vegas and San Francisco). Expect the MWC to fill those spots.

ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Bradlee Van Pelt**, sr., Colorado State
RB—**DonTrell Moore**, so., New Mexico
RB—**Brandon Warfield**, sr., Utah
WR—**Earvin Johnson**, jr., UNLV
WR—**Ryan McGuffey**, sr., Wyoming
TE—**Joel Dreessen**, jr., Colorado State
OL—**Claude Terrell**, jr., New Mexico
OL—**Jason Lenzmeier**, sr., New Mexico
OL—**Brett Huyser**, sr., Air Force
OL—**Mark Dreyer**, sr., Colorado State
OL—**Erik Pears**, jr., Colorado State
PK—**Joey Ashcroft**, sr. Air Force
RS—**Dexter Wynn**, sr., Colorado State

DEFENSE

DL—**Jason Kaufusi**, sr., Utah
DL—**Brady Poppinga**, jr., BYU
DL—**Daniel Kegler**, sr., New Mexico
DL—**D.J. Renteria**, sr., New Mexico
LB—**Kirk Morrison**, jr., San Diego State
LB—**Adam Seward**, Jr., UNLV
LB—**Eric Pauly**, sr., Colorado State
DB—**Jamaal Brimmer**, jr., UNLV
DB—**Brandon Ratcliff**, sr., New Mexico
DB—**Dave Revill**, sr. Utah
DB—**Jeff Shoate**, sr., San Diego State
P—**Matt Payne**, jr., BYU

Rating the players

Fastest reciever: **Alvin Marshall**, RB/WR, UNLV
Best hands: **Ryan McGuffey**, WR, Wyoming
Best passing QB: **Adam Hall**, San Diego State
Best option QB: **Chance Harridge**, Air Force
Most elusive RB: **Marty Johnson**, Utah
Best instincts: **Bradlee Van Pelt**, QB, Colorado State
Best athlete: **Jamaal Brimmer**, DB, UNLV
Best under pressure: **Chance Harridge**, QB, Air Force
Top NFL prospect: **Ofa Mohetau**, OL, BYU
Top impact freshman: **Lynell Hamilton**, RB, San Diego St.
Hardest hitter: **Kirk Morrison**, LB, San Diego State
Biggest underachiever: **Casey Bramlet**, QB, Wyoming

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Sonny Lubick**, Colorado State
Best recruiter: **Tom Craft**, San Diego State
Coach on the spot: **Gary Crowton**, BYU

Don't be surprised if ...

this is the year Rocky Long and the New Mexico Lobos finally make their breakthrough.

One man's opinion

"(BYU coach Gary) Crowton came in and went undefeated (in conference play) with LaVell Edwards' players in his first year. After the way he ran up the score (in 2001), I don't think too many people felt bad when his team struggled (last season)."

—an MWC assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. San Diego State
A nice mix of college and juco players on both sides of the ball, headlined by freshman RB Lynell Hamilton.

2. Colorado State
Running back Adam Gabriel heads a class that also includes talented receivers Greg Chatman and George Hill.

3. BYU
Had few scholarships to offer, but OL Ofa Mohetau is best recruiting catch in the league.

4. Utah
The Utes, always strong at RB, added another potential star in Mike Liti from Santa Ana, Calif. The DB additions were also solid.

5. UNLV
Junior college transfer Alvin Marshall will likely make an immediate impact both rushing and receiving the ball.

6. New Mexico
Linebackers Niam Adams and Cody Kase were the top prospects landed by the Lobos.

7. Wyoming
The Cowboys will get defensive help from DB Andre LaCaille and LB Luke Chase.

8. Air Force
Who knows how good this class will be? Falcons don't sign letters-of-intent.

Colorado State RAMS

CONFERENCE RANK: 1

2002 Record: 10-4 overall, 6-1 MWC *(lost to TCU in the Liberty Bowl, 17-3)*

Official athletic Web site: www.csurams.com

CSU Rams appear to be ready to make their big move on national scene this season

Don't let Bradlee Van Pelt's laid-back, California-surfer-dude personality fool you. He can be intense on the football field. Plus, he doesn't seem to mind getting hit—and he even delivers his own hits when he takes off running the football.

Van Pelt is basically a quarterback with a linebacker's mentality. Of course, that only stands to reason. He is, after all, the son of former New York Giants linebacker Brad Van Pelt.

What makes Van Pelt so dangerous and frustrating to opposing defenses is his ability to beat you with both his arm and his feet. He's the Mountain West's version of Michael Vick. Last year, Van Pelt passed for 2,073 yards and 10 touchdowns. He rushed for 819 yards and 11 more scores. He's gained 100-plus yards on the ground five times in the past two seasons.

Van Pelt, who is 16-7 as a starter, has four of his starting offensive linemen returning, led by Mark Dreyer (6-4, 281 pounds) and Erik Pears (6-8, 310). Tight end Joel Dreessen (29 catches, 340 yards) and wideout Chris Pittman (60 for 807) were two of Van Pelt's favorite targets a year ago. Dexter Wynn, a two-time All-MWC return specialist and a starting cornerback, spent time in the spring learning the wide receiver position and is expected to see action on both sides of the football this fall.

The Rams have to replace running back Cecil Sapp, who gained 1,601 yards and scored 17 TDs last season. Tristan Walker and Rahsaan Sanders will get the first opportunities to take over for Sapp. True freshman Adam Gabriel could also see some action in the Rams' one-back set.

The CSU defense is nearly as experienced as the offense. Senior linebacker Adam Wade has started a team-high 33 games for the Rams. Other veterans on defense include linebackers Drew Wood and Eric Pauly, linemen Bryan Save and Patrick Goodpaster and defensive back Benny Mastropaolo.

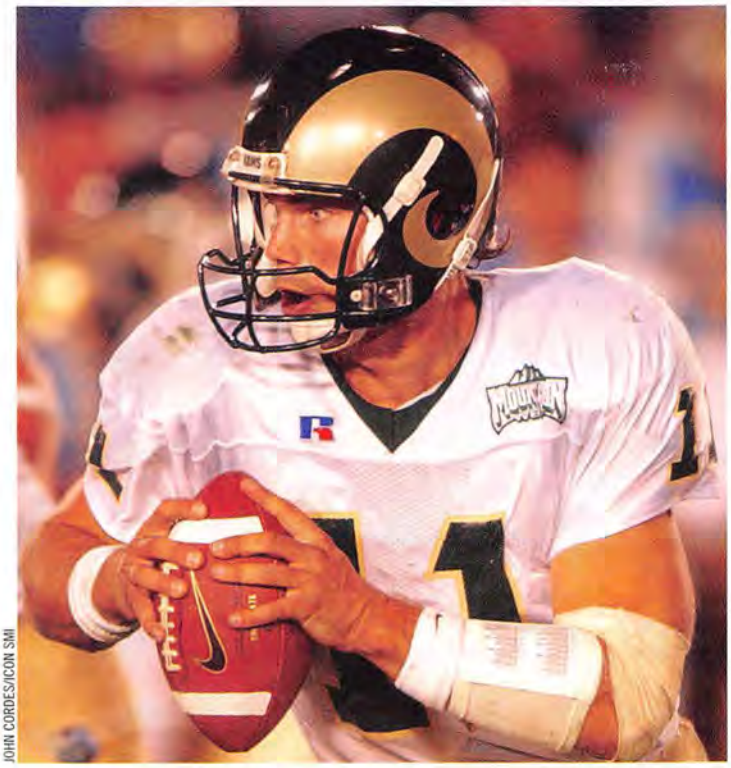
CSU didn't have much of a football tradition before Sonny Lubick showed up 11 years ago. Now the Rams have taken over the role played by BYU for so long—as the yardstick by which other teams in the league measure their success. Lubick, for his part, was awarded a five-year contract extension last November.

Colorado State has won at least seven games per year for a school-record nine consecutive seasons. Four of Lubick's teams have won 10 or more games—a feat that had never been accomplished before his tenure. The Rams have won or tied for six conference titles and gone to seven bowl games under Lubick, including four straight bowl appearances. In addition, his teams have given Colorado fits the past few seasons, winning three of the past four meetings against the Buffaloes. The intrastate rivals play in Denver again this year, opening the season on Aug. 30.

Not only are the Rams talented, experienced and well-coached, but they have a favorable schedule. The first two weeks are tough—Colorado in Denver and at California—but then the Rams will play four straight home games. They also get to face in-state and conference rival Air Force in Fort Collins.

A fifth straight bowl berth is a near certainty for the Rams. Another league title is probable.

Bradlee Van Pelt, *QB*

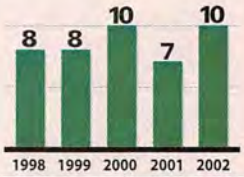


JOHN CORDES/ICON SMI

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@ Colorado	W	19-14
S.6	@ California		
S.13	Weber State		
S.20	Miami (OH)		
S.27	Utah	W	28-20
O.4	Fresno State	L	30-32
O.9	@ Brigham Young	W	37-10
O.16	Air Force	W	31-12
N.1	@ Wyoming	W	44-36
N.7	@ New Mexico	W	22-14
N.15	San Diego State	W	49-21
N.22	@ UNLV	L	33-36

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/13

OFFENSE

QB	11	Bradlee Van Pelt (6-2, 225, Sr.)
	8	Justin Holland (6-3, 192, So.)
RB	3	Rashaan Sanders (6-0, 217, Sr.)
	28	Tristan Walker (6-0, 222, Fr.)
HB	81	Joel Dreessen (6-4, 253, Jr.)
	88	Brandon Alconcel (6-3, 245, So.)
OT	63	Mike Brisiel (6-5, 282, So.)
	68	Jonathan Moore (6-4, 289, Fr.)
OG	77	Albert Bimper (6-1, 290, So.)
	76	Terrell Gardner (6-6, 356, Sr.)
C	70	Mark Dreyer (6-4, 275, Sr.)
	62	Jon Van Lant (6-4, 275, Jr.)
OG	60	Jamie Amicarella (6-5, 289, Sr.)
	66	Josh Day (6-4, 278, Fr.)
OT	74	Erik Pears (6-8, 307, Jr.)
	75	Zeke Hacker (6-5, 295, Sr.)
TE	92	Matt Bartz (6-3, 244, So.)
	89	James Sondrup (6-6, 263, Sr.)
WR	4	David Anderson (5-10, 187, So.)
	7	Eric Hill (6-1, 194, Sr.)
WR	6	Chris Pittman (6-0, 192, Sr.)
	83	Russell Sprague (6-4, 210, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	99	Patrick Goodpaster (6-3, 280, Jr.)
	56	Michael Leiter (6-2, 225, Fr.)
NT	95	Bryan Save (6-2, 271, Sr.)
	90	Delroy Parke (6-2, 298, So.)
DT	57	Lavell Mann (6-1, 285, Sr.)
	93	Chris Kiffin (6-1, 281, Jr.)
DE	96	Andre Sommersell (6-2, 218, Sr.)
	98	Luke Adkins (6-1, 222, Fr.)
LB	45	Jeff Flora (6-2, 234, Sr.)
	2	Jahmal Hall (6-0, 190, So.)
LB	50	Drew Wood (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	52	Courtney Jones (6-1, 221, So.)
LB	33	Eric Pauly (6-4, 223, Sr.)
	9	Adam Wade (6-1, 223, Sr.)
CB	16	Ben Stratton (6-2, 207, So.)
	1	Brandon Cathy (5-10, 173, Fr.)
CB	5	Dexter Wynn (5-10, 175, Sr.)
	7	Eric Hill (6-1, 194, Sr.)
S	25	Benny Mastropaolo (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	20	Adam Hayward (6-1, 220, So.)
S	10	Landon James (6-2, 211, Jr.)
	8	Lukas Davis (6-1, 200, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	14	Jeff Babcock (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	13	Kevin Mark (6-1, 171, So.)
P	14	Jeff Babcock (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	7	Tyler Powell (5-11, 209, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Hughes Stadium
Capacity: 30,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Sonny Lubick, 10th Year
Record: 84-38
Career Record: 105-56

ASST. COACHES
John Benton (co-off. coord./OL), **Mick Delaney** (RBs), **Tom Ehlers** (DL), **Dan Hammerschmidt** (co-offensive cord./QBs), **Steve Stanard** (def. coord./LBs), **Matt Lubick** (WRs), **James Ward** (DBs), **Darrell Funk** (TEs/special teams), **Jesse Williams** (DL)

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

Air Force FALCONS

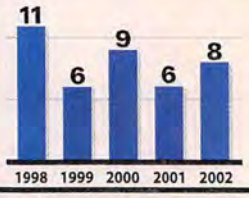
2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 4-3 MWC *(lost to Virginia Tech in the San Francisco Bowl, 20-13)*

Official athletic Web site: www.airforcesports.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Wofford		
S.6	@ Northwestern	W	52-3
S.13	North Texas		
S.20	Wyoming	L	26-34
S.27	@ Brigham Young	W	52-9
O.4	@ Navy	W	48-7
O.11	UNLV	W	49-32
O.16	@ Colorado State	L	12-31
N.1	Utah	W	30-26
N.8	Army	W	49-30
N.15	@ New Mexico	W (OT)	38-31
N.22	@ San Diego State	L	34-38

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 51/20

OFFENSE

QB	11	Chance Harridge (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	4	Travis Thurmond (5-10, 185, Jr.)
FB	40	Steve Massie (5-11, 230, Sr.)
	27	Adam Cole (6-0, 210, Jr.)
HB	5	Anthony Butler (5-9, 195, Jr.)
	2	Matt Ward (5-11, 180, So.)
HB	15	Darnell Stephens (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	10	Joe Schieffer (5-10, 185, Sr.)
OT	77	Brett Waller (6-7, 275, Sr.)
	79	Scott Diehl (6-6, 270, Jr.)
OG	63	Brett Huyser (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	70	Brian Jarratt (6-5, 280, Jr.)
C	66	Stephen Maddox (6-2, 260, Sr.)
	50	John Peel (6-2, 255, Jr.)
OG	75	Jesse Underbakke (6-3, 290, Sr.)
	60	Cory Crossetti (6-3, 275, Sr.)
OT	61	Blane Neufeld (6-5, 280, Sr.)
	76	Tyler Terrazone (6-4, 255, Sr.)
TE	86	Adam Strecker (6-6, 240, Sr.)
	98	Todd Jolly (6-4, 270, Sr.)
WR	14	Anthony Park (5-11, 170, Sr.)
	82	Alec Messerall (5-11, 185, Jr.)

Defense

DE	42	Monty Coleman (6-2, 245, Sr.)
	99	Nathan Terrazone (6-3, 235, So.)
NG	95	Nicholas Taylor (6-4, 265, Sr.)
	88	Russ Mitscherling (6-2, 240, So.)
DE	90	Charles Bueker (6-5, 260, Sr.)
	53	Ryan Carter (6-2, 245, Sr.)
LB	30	Kenny Smith (6-2, 225, Jr.)
	12	Overton Spence (6-2, 205, So.)
LB	48	John Rudzinski (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	49	Cameron Hodge (6-2, 225, Jr.)
LB	44	Trevor Hightower (6-0, 230, Sr.)
	54	Justin Kasmarcak (6-2, 226, So.)
CB	22	Jeff Overstreet (5-10, 185, Sr.)
	19	Jordan Wilkie (5-11, 170, Jr.)
CB	7	Nate Allen (5-10, 180, Jr.)
	28	David Conley (5-11, 185, Jr.)
DB	34	Sean Rodgers (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	37	Grant Mallory (5-9, 180, Jr.)
DB	17	Adrian Wright (6-0, 215, Sr.)
	32	Felix Cole (6-1, 210, Sr.)
FS	29	Larry Duncan (5-10, 200, Sr.)
	18	Chase Waterhouse (6-1, 185, Jr.)

Special Teams

PK	97	Joey Ashcroft (6-0, 210, Sr.)
	93	Michael Greenaway (5-10, 175, Jr.)
P	81	Robert Barkers (6-3, 212, So.)
	30	Don Heaton (6-3, 180, So.)

Experienced work 'Force' could give Falcons a 'Chance' to fly extremely high

Fisher DeBerry is the dean of Mountain West coaches, now starting his 20th year with the Falcons. He's the third most tenured coach with the same school in the nation. But in all those years at the Academy, he's never, ever had a more experienced team returning than he has this year.

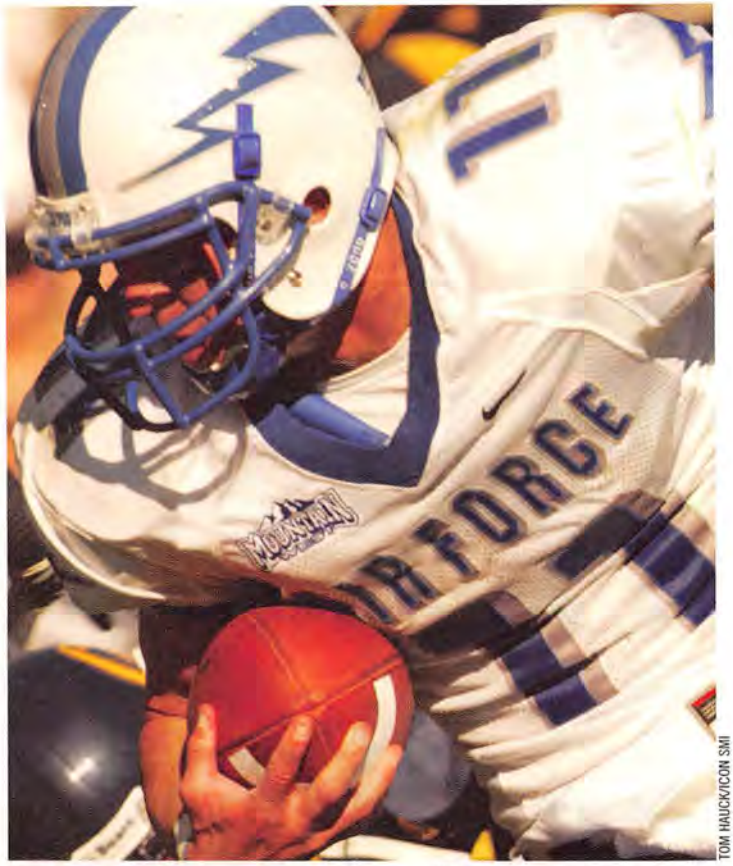
The Falcons have 16 starters back from the 2002 team that went 8-5, including a loss to Virginia Tech in the San Francisco Bowl.

"Having so many returning players is great," DeBerry says. "We can be a competitive football team if we're a hungry football team."

Chance Harridge, whether he's hungry or full, will likely ensure that the Falcons are competitive. The senior is the latest in a run of outstanding option quarterbacks DeBerry has developed over the years. Harridge became the 16th player in NCAA history last season to rush and pass for at least 1,000 yards in a single season when he gained 1,229 yards on the ground (with 22 touchdowns) and 1,062 yards in the air (with 10 TDs).

While Harridge gives Air Force some star power, DeBerry knows games are won in the trenches. "If you're not a good blocking and tackling football team," he says, "you are not going to whip anybody."

Fortunately for the Falcons, then, they should be one of the MWC's best at both blocking and tackling. While the AFA offensive and defensive lines are undersized by Division I-A standards, they boast plenty of experience. The Falcons have four of their five starting offensive lineman back from last year's team, led by all-league candidates Brett Huyser and Jesse Underbakke, as well as their starting tight end, Adam Strecker.



TOM HAUCK/ICON SMI

Chance Harridge, *QB*

AFA's entire defensive line returns intact in seniors Monty Coleman, Charles Bueker and Nick Taylor. The Falcon defense could have been even more impressive if its leading tackler from a year ago, sophomore Anthony Schlegel, hadn't transferred during the offseason to Ohio State. Even without Schlegel, however, the Falcons have a veteran linebacker corps with starters Trevor Hightower, Marchello Graddy and John Rudzinski all returning. The defensive backfield has a pair of starters back in seniors Jeff Overstreet and Larry Duncan.

Air Force also has both its punter and placekicker back from last season in Robert Barkers and Joey Ashcroft, respectively. Ashcroft was All-MWC first team a year ago when he made an impressive 16 of 18 field-goal attempts.

DeBerry's senior-laden team should also benefit (at least in the win-loss column) by having a soft-as-Charmin non-league schedule. The non-conference home opponents are Division I-AA Wofford, North Texas and Army. The Zoomies will face Northwestern and Navy on the road. There is no reason why Air Force shouldn't be 5-0 in non-MWC games.

Each year the Falcons have two primary goals—to win the Commander-in-Chief Trophy and to win a conference title. Under DeBerry, the Falcons have dominated their service academy counterparts and they should again this year. The Falcons are 32-6 in Commander-in-Chief Trophy games during the past 19 seasons.

STADIUM INFO
Name: Falcon Stadium
Capacity: 52,480
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Fisher DeBerry, 20th Year
Record: 149-83-1
Career Record: 149-83-1

ASST. COACHES
Richard Bell (def. coord./ILBs), **Ron Burton** (DL), **Dean Campbell** (RBs), **Dick Enga** (TEs), **Lt. Col. Jeff Hays** (kickers), **Tim Horton** (receivers), **Tom Miller** (special teams), **Chuck Petersen** (off. coord./QBs/FBs), **John Reagan** (OL), **Vic Shealy** (DBs)

New Mexico LOBOS

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

2002 Record: 7-7 overall, 5-2 MWC *(lost to UCLA in the Las Vegas Bowl, 27-13)*

Official athletic Web site: www.golobos.com

Rocky's road is a steady one that points to 8 wins with the help of Lobos' league schedule

If the amazing trend continues, the New Mexico football team will win eight games this season—no more, no less.

After all, Rocky Long's team won three games in 1998, his first year as the Lobo coach. Long's team won four games in '99 and five in 2000. The Lobos then won six games in '01 and in 2002 UNM won—you guessed it—seven games.

Long's team winning eight games this season is certainly not out of the question. After all, the Lobos have 10 starters returning on offense, seven on defense and both starting kickers.

Running back DonTrell Moore, the MWC's top freshman last season, is looking to pick up where he left off. Moore sprained his ankle on his first carry during the Lobos' spring game, but he should be fine this fall and will look to better his first-year total of 1,134 yards rushing with 13 TDs. Backing up Moore will be D.D. Cox, a junior transfer from Oklahoma State, and sophomore Daniel Ramirez.

Quarterback Casey Kelly led the Lobos to just their second bowl appearance in 41 years last season. Kelly completed 57.6 percent of his passes for 1,904 yards and 14 scores. Kelly is also a threat to run the ball on occasion and is the Lobos' third-leading returning rusher. The Lobos have their entire offensive line back, led by all-league candidates Claude Terrell (6-3, 330 pounds) and Jason Lenzmeier (6-5, 312). Two of Kelly's three leading receivers, Dwight Counter and Adrian Boyd, also return, as does tight end Bryan Penley.

The biggest reason for the Lobos' improvement each year during the Long administration has been due to defense. New Mexico, the only team in Division I-A to increase its win total every year since 1999, is just one of eight schools in the nation that has finished in the top 30 in the nation in total defense during each of the past three seasons.

There is one difference this year, however. Gone is defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall, who accepted a similar position during the offseason at rival BYU. Osia Lewis is Long's new defensive coordinator.

Lewis has plenty of returning talent to work with. The Lobos have led the MWC in sacks each of the past three seasons and, with the return of down linemen Daniel Kegler and D.J. Renteria as well as linebackers Nick Speegle and Billy Strother, UNM should again have a strong pass rush. Seniors Brandon Ratcliff, Terrell Golden and Sidney Wiley give the Lobos a veteran defensive backfield.

If the Lobos are ever going to win a MWC title, this could be the year. They have their toughest conference games—BYU, Colorado State and Air Force—at home. The non-league schedule is highlighted by games at Texas Tech and Washington State.

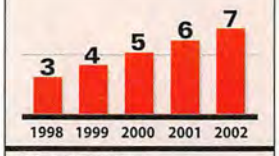
Jason Lenzmeier, *OT*

SEAN MYERS/ICON SMI

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Southwest Texas		
S.6	@ Texas Tech	L	49-0
S.13	Brigham Young	W	20-16
S.20	@ Washington State		
S.27	New Mexico State	L	24-13
O.4	Utah State	L (2OT)	45-44
O.18	@ San Diego State	W	15-8
O.25	@ Utah	W (OT)	42-35
N.1	UNLV	W	25-16
N.7	Colorado State	L	22-14
N.15	Air Force	L (OT)	38-31
N.22	@ Wyoming	W	49-20

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 20
Lettermen returning/lost: 54/12

OFFENSE

QB	16	Casey Kelly (6-3, 193, Sr.)
	11	Tali Ena (6-5, 235, Jr.)
FB	34	Landrick Brody (5-11, 230, Jr.)
	41	Adrian Byrd (6-0, 224, So.)
TB	22	DonTrell Moore (5-11, 211, So.)
	31	D.D. Cox (6-0, 210, Jr.)
OT	75	Jason Lenzmeier (6-5, 312, Sr.)
	69	Bryan Humphreys (6-3, 272, Jr.)
OG	76	Claude Terrell (6-3, 330, Jr.)
	67	Derek Watson (6-3, 282, Sr.)
C	63	Ryan Cook (6-6, 340, So.)
	65	Jorge Enriquez (6-4, 288, So.)
OG	78	Calvin McDonald (6-4, 323, Sr.)
	59	Robert Turner (6-4, 300, Fr-RS)
OT	64	Justin Colburn (6-4, 280, Sr.)
	79	Terrance Pennington (6-7, 340, So.)
TE	87	Bryan Penley (6-2, 244, Sr.)
	85	Zach Cresap (6-3, 236, Sr.)
WR	8	Dwight Counter (6-2, 193, Sr.)
	15	Rashaun Sanders (6-2, 200, Sr.)
WR	21	Adrian Boyd (6-0, 175, Sr.)
	81	Terrence Thomas (6-1, 193, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	98	D.J. Renteria (6-3, 274, Sr.)
	96	Kyle Coulter (6-1, 260, Jr.)
NT	60	Guillermo Morrison (6-4, 272, Sr.)
	97	Billy Brittain (6-2, 260, Fr-RS)
DE	93	Daniel Kegler (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	71	Zach Rupp (6-5, 234, Sr.)
LB	17	Billy Strother (6-0, 230, Sr.)
	33	Fola Fashola (5-11, 209, Sr.)
LB	7	Daniel Gawronski (6-0, 247, Sr.)
	55	Chrishone Harris (6-2, 240, Jr.)
LB	89	Nick Speegle (6-5, 235, Jr.)
	39	Shannon Kincaid (6-2, 225, Sr.)
CB	32	Aaron Brack (5-11, 207, So)
	26	Curtis Flakes (5-10, 160, Jr.)
CB	14	Corey Brown (5-10, 180, Sr.)
	28	Brandon Payne (6-0, 185, Jr.)
S	9	Brandon Ratcliff (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	37	Josh Bazinet (5-11, 200, Jr.)
S	3	Terrell Golden (5-10, 200, Sr.)
	23	Gabriel Fulbright (5-10, 168, So.)
ROV	6	Sidney Wiley (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	27	Kevin Walton (6-0, 203, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	80	Kenny Byrd (6-0, 150, So.)
	30	Wes Zunker (5-8, 171, Jr.)
P	25	Tyler Gaus (6-1, 205, So.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: University Stadium
Capacity: 37,370
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Rocky Long, 6th Year
Record: 25-35
Career Record: 25-35

ASST. COACHES
Dan Dodd (off. coord.), **Osia Lewis** (def. coord.), **Jeff Conway** (special teams/WRs), **Bob Bostad** (off. line), **Curtis Luper** (RBs), **Lenny Rodriguez** (LBs), **Jason Strauss** (TEs), **Grady Stretz** (def. line), **Everett Todd** (CBs)

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

San Diego State
AZTECS

2002 Record: 4-9 overall, 4-3 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.goaztecs.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Eastern Washington		
S.6	@ Ohio State		
S.13	@ UTEP		
S.20	Samford		
S.27	@ UCLA	L	7-43
O.4	Brigham Young	L	10-34
O.11	@ Utah	W	36-17
O.18	New Mexico	L	8-15
O.25	Wyoming	W	24-20
N.8	@ UNLV	W	31-21
N.15	@ Colorado State	L	21-49
N.22	Air Force	W	38-34

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND

DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 46/16

OFFENSE

QB	14	Adam Hall (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	5	Matt Dlugolecki (6-4, 210, So.)
RB	4	Fred Collins (5-11, 195, So.)
	20	Michael Franklin (5-7, 175, So.)
OT	79	Brendan Darby (6-7, 300, Sr.)
	73	Damien Holman (6-3, 315, Sr)
OG	77	Shawn Dickie (6-5, 315, Sr.)
	60	Anthony Foli (6-5, 280, Sr.)
C	72	Jasper Harvey (6-3, 295, So.)
	50	Danny Negrete (6-1, 310, So.)
OG	77	Gerald Sykes (6-1, 310, Sr.)
	54	Nephi Penerosa (6-2, 300, Fr.)
OT	74	Mike Kracalik (6-9, 340, Jr.)
	73	Damien Holman (6-3, 315, Sr)
TE	81	Raleigh Fletcher (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	83	Jason Dion (6-3, 265, Sr.)
FL	88	Lonnel Penman (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	84	Wesley Williams (6-3, 225, Jr.)
SE	1	Jermaine Moore (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	19	Jeff Webb (6-2, 195, So.)
SLT	85	Robert Ortiz (6-1, 175, So.)
	11	Devin Pitts (6-3, 195, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	90	Ryan Iata (6-5, 275, Sr.)
	95	Robert Miller (6-6. 235, So.)
DT	99	Brook Miller (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	55	Freddie McCutcheon (6-0, 290, So.)
DT	46	Blake Lobel (6-3, 255, Jr.)
	55	Freddie McCutcheon (6-0, 290, So.)
DE	98	Brandon Rager (6-3, 245, Sr.)
	97	Kurt Kahui (6-1, 230, So.)
LB	35	Beau Trickey (6-1, 240, Sr.)
	48	Matt McCoy (6-0, 210, So.)
LB	34	Kirk Morrison (6-2, 240, Jr.)
	52	Adam Nyssen (5-11, 220, Jr.)
LB	45	Stephen Larsen (6-1, 230, Jr.)
	44	Heath Farwell (6-1, 225, Jr.)
CB	15	LaVance Ray (5-11, 170, Sr.)
	39	Jacob Elimimian (5-11, 170, So.)
CB	26	Jeff Shoate (5-10, 175, Sr.)
	10	Hubert Caliste (6-2, 190, Jr.)
FS	5	Marviel Underwood (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	30	Marcus Demps (6-0, 195, So.)
SS	42	Josh Dean (6-1, 215, Jr.)
	38	Keith Ellison (6-1, 210, So.)

Aztecs hoping to get frequent-win mileage out of 'Air Craft' attack in coach's second season

New San Diego State coach Tom Craft promised he would bring an exciting, wide-open offense to his alma mater last season—and he delivered.

The Aztecs were 89th in the nation in passing offense in 2001. Last year, the first under Craft, they were fifth, averaging 330 yards per game through the air. That's why the SDSU offense is being touted as "Air Craft" these days.

The improved offense didn't translate into victories immediately, however. The Aztecs lost their first five games of the year. Once conference play rolled around, however, SDSU played well enough to win four league games to tie with Air Force for third place.

"We laid a foundation and brought the passing game back into the program," Craft says.

Quarterback Adam Hall seemed to fit right into Craft's pass-happy offense. Hall, who returns for his senior season, completed 60 percent of his passes for 3,253 yards and 17 touchdowns in his first season as a starter. Hall should be well-protected this year, as SDSU returns four of its five offensive linemen.

The biggest offensive void will be at wideout. The record-breaking tandem of J.R. Tolver and Kassim Osgood—who combined for 213 catches and 2,928 yards last season—is history. Wesley Williams and Jermaine Moore will be counted on, with speedster Willie Dixon, a former Miami (Fla.) signee, a possible big-play guy.

Adam Hall, QB

TOM HAUCK/ICON SMI

The Aztecs didn't have much of a running game last season, gaining just 948 yards as a team. Improvement in that area was an emphasis in the spring. Sophomores Fredrick Collins and Michael Franklin are listed at the top of the running back depth chart entering the fall. Freshman Lynell Hamilton from Stockton, Calif., is highly touted and could have signed just about anywhere. He is a star of the future.

Backing up Hall at QB is Illinois transfer Matt Dlugolecki, who has a year under his belt in Craft's system and looked good in spring drills.

Hard-hitting middle linebacker Kirk Morrison heads the Aztec defense. He led the team with 97 tackles while recovering five fumbles and intercepting three passes last season as a sophomore.

"It isn't very often you can say someone has already proven themselves when they are just going into their junior season, but Kirk Morrison is already one of the best players in the Mountain West," Craft says.

Joining Morrison are returning starting linebackers Stephen Larsen and Heath Farwell. In addition, senior Beau Trickey and sophomore Matt McCoy have also been starters at linebacker for the Aztecs.

Ryan Iata is back to anchor the defensive line after the NCAA granted him a medical hardship year. He was off to a fast start last season when he was knocked out for the year with a knee injury against Arizona State in the third game. Brook Miller is a returning starter at defensive tackle. Cornerback Jeff Shoate is the top returnee to the Aztecs' defensive backfield.

SDSU's non-league schedule includes a couple of powerhouses—defending national champion Ohio State and UCLA on the road. But it also has some powder puffs—Division I-AA teams Eastern Washington and Samford at home.

STADIUM INFO **Name:** Qualcomm Stadium **Capacity:** 54,000 **Playing Surface:** Grass

THE COACH **Tom Craft,** 2nd Year **Record:** 4-9 **Career Record:** 4-9

ASST. COACHES **Jim House** (assist. head coach/DL), **Thom Kaumeyer** (def. coord.), **Damon Baldwin** (OL), **Fred Bleil** (secondary), **Andy Buh** (LBs), **Walter Gaskins** (RBs), **Matt Irvin** (TEs), **Brian Stark** (QBs), **David Powroznik** (dir. of football oper.)

Brigham Young COUGARS

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 2-5 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.byucougars.com

Maybe things simply came too easily for Gary Crowton in his first year at Brigham Young. His Cougars ran off a dozen consecutive wins—and went 7-0 in MWC play—to open the 2001 season.

Since that time, however, the Cougars are 5-9. Last year's 5-7 campaign marked the first time since 1973—LaVell Edwards' second year as head coach—that BYU finished with a losing record. BYU was just 2-5 in league games, finishing alone in seventh place in the eight-team league.

That just doesn't cut it in Provo—and Crowton would be the first to admit that.

"Winning just five games and not going to a bowl game is unacceptable. It's just unacceptable," says Crowton. "I don't want to go through that again."

Crowton made some changes to his coaching staff in an attempt to get things back on track. Gone are defensive coordinator Ken Schmidt and offensive coordinator Mike Borich. In their places are defensive coordinator Bronco Mendenhall, formerly of New Mexico, and co-offensive coordinator Todd Bradford, who will share duties with former BYU quarterback Robbie Bosco.

Mendenhall's defense will be a big departure from what had been the norm for BYU. He believes in a high-risk, high-reward defense with lots of blitzing. The Cougars had been playing a conservative, bend-but-don't-break scheme for decades. All 11 starters from last season's defense return for the Cougs, headed by defensive lineman Brady Poppinga, linebacker Paul Walkenhorst and safety Aaron Francisco. In addition, Jernaro Gilford, an all-league cornerback in '01, is back and healthy after sitting out most of last season.

After playing musical QBs last season—three players saw significant playing time under center—Crowton hopes to pick a starter and stay with him this season. Matt Berry started the final five games of last year and will open camp as the guy to beat.

Marcus Whalen gives the Cougars a legitimate rushing threat, while Rodney Wilkerson, Chris Hale and Toby Christensen pace the receiving corps.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	Georgia Tech
S.6	@ USC
S.13	@ New Mexico
S.20	Stanford
S.27	Air Force
O.4	@ San Diego State
O.9	Colorado State
O.18	@ Wyoming
O.25	@ UNLV
O.31	Boise State
N.15	@ Notre Dame
N.22	Utah

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 16
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/14

OFFENSE

QB	8	Matt Berry (6-5, 225, So.)
FB	6	Tafui Vakapuna (6-0, 230, Fr.)
RB	32	Marcus Whalen (5-11, 210, Jr.)
OT	62	Brandon Stephens (6-6, 285, Jr.)
OG	72	Jake Kuresa (6-4, 330, Fr.)
C	64	Scott Jackson (6-5, 300, Sr.)
OG	74	Quinn Christensen (6-6, 300, Sr.)
OT	59	Eddie Keele (6-5, 300, Fr.)
TE	41	Justin Jory (6-3, 250, Sr.)
WR	80	Toby Christensen (6-0, 192, Sr.)
WR	26	Rod Wilkerson (6-2, 190, Jr.)
WR	2	David Christensen (5-10, 187, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	49	Brady Poppinga (6-3, 260, Jr.)
NT	97	Justin Carlson (6-3, 270, Fr.)
DE	53	Bill Wright (6-3, 250, Sr.)
LB	46	Colby Bockwoldt (6-2, 230, Sr.)
LB	44	Mike Tanner (6-1, 235, Sr.)
LB	7	Levi Madarieta (6-3, 230, Sr.)
CB	1	Chad Barney (6-1, 195, Sr.)
CB	4	Jernaro Gilford (6-2, 185, Sr.)
S	33	Aaron Francisco (6-2, 210, Jr.)
S	37	Jon Burbidge (6-1, 205, Jr.)
S	31	Kip Nielsen (6-0, 200, Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	38	Matt Payne (6-4, 240, Jr.)
P	38	Matt Payne (6-4, 240, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: LaVell Edwards Stadium
Capacity: 65,000
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Gary Crowton, 3rd Year
Record: 17-9
Career Record: 38-22

UNLV REBELS

CONFERENCE RANK: 6

2002 Record: 5-7 overall, 3-4 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.unlvrebels.com

After two straight losing seasons—both overall and in MWC play—it's a good thing that veteran coach John Robinson has the full support of UNLV's athletic director.

Then again, a bigger story would be if he didn't have the support of the Rebels' A.D. After all, John Robinson is UNLV's athletic director. He's one of only two men in the country to be both head football coach and athletic director.

After a breakout, Las Vegas Bowl title year in 2000, the Rebels have gone just 9-14 combined the past two campaigns. Another losing season and Robinson the A.D. may not be so pleased with Robinson the coach.

The Rebels need to replace inconsistent three-year starter Jason Thomas at QB. Kurt Nantkes, who led UNLV to an upset victory over Colorado State in his lone start last season, appears to be Thomas' replacement. Nantkes threw for 405 yards and nine TDs in limited action last year.

Wideouts Earvin Johnson and Michael Johnson combined for 1,295 yards receiving in 2002. The Rebels lost leading rusher Joe Haro to graduation, but Larry Croom (605 yards) and Dominique Dorsey (568) return, although Dorsey missed spring drills due to injury. Bolstering UNLV as both a rusher and a pass catcher will be junior college transfer Alvin Marshall out of the backfield.

Strong safety Jamaal Brimmer is the defending MWC Defensive Player of the Year. He had 100 tackles (17 for losses with 5.5 sacks) to go along with two fumble recoveries while causing three fumbles last season as a sophomore. Linebacker Adam Seward is another all- league candidate. He led the team with 133 tackles last season.

The Rebels will start the year with four of their first six games on the road, including trips to Kansas, Wisconsin and Air Force.

Larry Croom, TB

GEORGE FREY/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Toledo
S.6	@ Kansas
S.13	@ Wisconsin
S.20	Hawaii
O.4	@ Nevada
O.11	@ Air Force
O.18	Utah
O.25	Brigham Young
N.1	@ New Mexico
N.8	San Diego State
N.22	Colorado State
N.29	@ Wyoming

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/25

OFFENSE

QB	7	Kurt Nantkes (6-4, 220, Jr.)
FB	35	Andrew Faga (6-0, 240, Sr.)
TB	1	Larry Croom (5-10, 205, Sr.)
OT	71	Matt Williams (6-6, 300, Sr.)
OG	76	Marcus Johnso.n (6-1, 300, Jr.)
C	73	Dominic Furio (6-3, 295, Sr.)
OG	56	Joe Critchfield (6-4, 315, Jr.)
OT	68	Zach Gorham (6-5, 310, So.)
TE	94	Ryan Clifford (6-2, 250, Sr.)
WR	8	Michael Johnson (5-11, 190, Sr.)
WR	4	Earvin Johnson (6-3, 200, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	47	Chris Eagen (6-4, 265, Sr.)
DT	91	Dietrich Canterberry (6-4, 300, Sr.)
DT	99	Joe Oniwor (6-1, 300, Sr.)
DE	98	Leon Moore (6-5, 255, So.)
LB	32	Reggie Butler (6-0, 215, Jr.)
LB	55	Adam Seward (6-2, 250, Jr.)
LB	49	Ryan Claridge (6-3, 250, Jr.)
CB	37	David Olsen (5-11, 180, So.)
CB	22	Jaso.n Rogers (5-11, 190, Fr.)
SS	27	Jamaal Brimmer (6-1, 205, Jr.)
FS	45	Joe Miklos (6-1, 205, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	95	Dillon Pieffer (5-11, 180, Sr.)
P	16	Gary Cook (5-11, 195, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Sam Boyd Stadium
Capacity: 36,800
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

John Robinson, 5th Year
Record: 20-27
Career Record: 124-62-4

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 11
Lettermen returning/lost: 38/24

OFFENSE

QB	16	Lance Rice (6-2, 208, Sr.)
TB	5	Brandon Warfield (5-10, 212, Sr.)
OT	76	Thomas (6-3, 320, Sr.)
OG	68	Chris Kemoeatu (6-4, 339, Jr.)
C	57	Max Petersen (6-3, 298, Jr.)
OG	77	Siuaki Livai (6-1, 296, So.)
OT	62	Sean Souza (6-5, 293, Sr.)
TE	89	Matt Hansen (6-5, 249, Sr.)
WR	86	Steven Savoy (5-11, 187, Fr.)
WR	82	Paris Warren (6-2, 212, Jr.)
WR	15	Larry Miles (6-0, 181, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	86	Jason Kaufusi (6-3, 250, Sr.)
DT	90	Sione Pouha (6-3, 303, Jr.)
NG	94	Steve Fifita (6-0, 302, So.)
DE	44	Josh Savage (6-4, 277, Sr.)
LB	6	Ray Holdcraft (5-11, 243, Sr.)
LB	93	Corey Dodds (6-3, 224, Jr.)
CB	17	Arnold Palmer (6-2, 215, Sr.)
CB	22	Bo Nagahi (5-10, 189, Jr.)
FS	25	Morgan Stanley (5-10, 197, Jr.)
SS	35	Dave Revill (5-10, 205, Sr.)
ROV	49	Spencer Toone (6-2, 234, So.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	7	Bryan Borreson (5-10, 196, So.)
P	72	Matt Kovacevich (6-1, 195, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Rice-Eccles Stadium
Capacity: 45,017
Playing Surface: Turf

THE COACH

Urban Meyer, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 17-6

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 7

Utah
UTES

2002 Record: 5-6 overall, 3-4 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.utahutes.com

The Utes are looking for some Urban renewal after longtime coach Ron McBride was fired following a 5-6 season in '02. Urban Meyer, the 38-year-old man behind the recent dramatic turnaround at Bowling Green, is the new head Ute.

Utah fans are hoping Meyer can do in Salt Lake City what he did in Ohio. Bowling Green won two games the season prior to Meyer taking over in 2001. He led the Falcons to an 8-3 mark his first year. Last season, Bowling Green won its first eight games and was ranked in the Top 25 before losing three of its final four games. In addition to going 17-6 in his two years as a Division I-A head coach, Meyer was 5-0 against teams from BCS conferences.

Can he do the same for Utah?

Meyer and the Utes will certainly have their hands full this year, with non-league games against Texas A&M, California and Oregon.

The Utes have the fewest number of starters returning in the league—but the ones they do have are impressive.

Brandon Warfield, in his first year of I-A football, rushed for 919 yards in just nine games last season. But Warfield isn't even Utah's top returning back. Injury-prone Marty Johnson was on his way to setting all sorts of school records—with an NCAA-leading 405 yards rushing in just two games—before getting knocked out for the season with a knee injury. Johnson, who missed the majority of the 2001 season due to injury as well, should be ready to go this fall.

Brett Elliott, who started the final six games of the year, appears to be the frontrunner at QB, but sophomore Alex Smith and former starter Lance Rice are pushing him for playing time. Newcomers Paris Warren, a transfer from Oregon, and junior college transfer Jerome Wright should contribute immediately as wide receivers.

Meyer retained defensive coordinator Kyle Whittingham, whose unit led the MWC last year in total and scoring defense. Defensive lineman Jason Kaufusi and safety Dave Revill are Utah's two top returning defensive players.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A. 28	Utah State
S. 6	@ Texas A&M
S. 11	California
S. 27	@ Colorado State
O. 3	Oregon
O. 11	San Diego State
O. 18	@ UNLV
O. 25	New Mexico
N. 1	@ Air Force
N. 15	Wyoming
N. 22	@ Brigham Young

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 17
Lettermen returning/lost: 48/18

OFFENSE

QB	14	Casey Bramlet (6-4, 231, Sr.)
FB	38	Kevin Fulton (5-9, 203, Jr.)
RB	28	Derek Armah (5-10, 207, Sr..)
OT	73	Chase Johnson (6-8, 293, RFr.)
OG	66	Isaac Morales (6-5, 312, Jr.)
C	70	Trenton Franz (6-3, 276, Jr.)
OG	76	Henry Randle (6-3, 295, Sr.)
OT	77	Dan Fisher (6-5, 293, So.)
TE	42	Aaron Robbins (6-4, 228, So.)
WR	85	Ryan McGuffey (6-1, 216, Sr.)
WR	9	Jovon Bouknight (6-1, 181, So.)
WR	88	Malcom Floyd (6-6, 215, Sr.)

DEFENSE

NG	62	Jacob Bonde (6-3, 289, Jr.)
DT	55	Zach Morris (6-2, 270, Jr.)
DE	91	Brandon Casavan (6-5, 279, Sr.)
LB	29	Guy Tuell (6-1, 207, Jr.)
LB	30	Randy Tscharner (6-3, 231, Jr.)
LB	47	Tyler Gottschalk (6-4, 236, Sr.)
LB	43	John Flora (6-3, 245, So.)
CB	8	Chris Dixon (6-0-, 172, Sr.)
CB	2	Roderrick Jackson (5-11, 164, Sr.)
FS	7	Jacque Finn (6-2, 191, Sr.)
SS	26	Tom Vincent (6-2, 201, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	37	Scott Parker (6-0, 182, So.)
P	46	Luke Donovan (6-0, 189, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: War Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 33,500
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Joe Glenn, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 158-59-1

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 8

Wyoming
COWBOYS

2002 Record: 2-10 overall, 1-6 MWC

Official athletic Web site: www.wyomingathletics.com

The good news for the Cowboys last season was that they actually won a conference game.

Granted, it was just one conference game, but it beat the previous two seasons when Wyoming went 0-14 in MWC play.

After going 1-20 in league games in three years, Vic Koenning was sacked. He was replaced by Joe Glenn, who went 39-6 overall in his three years at Montana, which included winning a Division I-AA title in 2001.

Glenn's Wyoming team, no doubt, will be better than Koenning's was a year ago. Even so, Glenn will likely lose more games this year at Wyoming than he did in three seasons at Montana.

Casey Bramlet, *QB*

OTTO GREULE/GETTY IMAGES

Casey Bramlet, a strong-armed quarterback, will be back for his third year as a starter in Laramie. Bramlet threw for 3,290 yards and 24 TDs last season, but he also was intercepted 18 times.

"Casey Bramlet is so impressive," said Glenn after a spring scrimmage. "This is not a simple offense, and he's been on the money."

Jovon Bouknight and Ryan McGuffey give Bramlett a couple of veteran receivers to pass to. The Cowboys also have their top rusher returning in Derek Armah, who ran for 596 yards last season.

Wyoming's biggest problem the past few seasons hasn't been scoring points; it's been stopping opponents. The Cowboys surrendered an average of 36 points last season. They gave up a league-worst 206 yards per game on the ground. They also surrendered a league-worst 285 yards per game in the air. All totaled, Wyoming opponents gained an average of 491 yards per game.

The Cowboys return eight starters on defense—but maybe that's not such a good thing.

Wyoming does have a fine punter returning in Luke Donovan, who averaged 45 yards per boot.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A. 30	Montana State
S. 6	@ Oklahoma State
S. 13	Kansas
S. 20	@ Air Force
S. 27	@ Boise State
O. 11	@ Utah State
O. 18	Brigham Young
O. 25	@ San Diego State
N. 1	Colorado State
N. 15	@ Utah
N. 22	New Mexico
N. 29	UNLV

MID-AMERICAN *Predicted order of finish:*

EAST

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
▶p.108	▶p.109	▶p.109	▶p.109	▶p.110	▶p.110	▶p.110

WEST

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
▶p.111	▶p.112	▶p.112	▶p.112	▶p.113	▶p.113	▶p.113

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Darius Watts**, WR, Marshall
Best hands: **Matt Cherry**, WR, Akron
Best passing QB: **Ryan Schneider**, Central Florida
Best option QB: **Josh Harris**, Bowling Green
Most elusive RB: **Michael Turner**, Northern Illinois
Best instincts: **Justin Beriault**, LB, Ball State
Best athlete: **Joshua Cribbs**, QB, Kent State
Best under pressure: **Ben Roethlisberger**, QB, Miami
Top NFL prospect: **Jason Babin**, DL, Western Michigan
Top impact freshman: **Scooter McDougle**, RB, Toledo
Hardest hitter: **Atari Bigby**, SS, Central Florida
Biggest underachiever: **Dwayne LeFall**, DE, Akron

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Gary Darnell**, Western Michigan
Best recruiter: **Bob Pruett**, Marshall
Coaches on the spot: **Dean Pees**, Kent State/ **Lee Owens**, Akron

Don't be surprised if ...

the Akron Zips win it all. They're absolutely lethal on offense with 11 starters back and possess a baby's-butt schedule.

One man's opinion

"Marshall has dominated this league with two straight NFL quarterbacks (Chad Pennington, Byron Leftwich). Let's see if they got another one. And if they don't, will they look like the rest of us?"

—a MAC head coach

Rating the recruits

1. Western Michigan
Transfer QB Ryan Cubit (Rutgers) makes this class.
2. Marshall
Don't look at them now. Check them out in 2007 and 2008.
3. Central Florida
Lots of jucos are a question when you have fertile Florida prep ranks to pick from.
4. Toledo
Scooter McDougle's a highway-robbery recruit at TB.
5. Ohio
Linebackers galore.
6. Central Michigan
Lots of WRs on the list.
7. Northern Illinois
A QB-heavy class or it might rank higher.
8. Kent State
Lots of athleticism and several big tailbacks.
9. Miami
Small class in numbers could hurt down the line.
10. Bowling Green
Coaching change may have cost the Falcons.
11. Akron
An offensive class for a team that needs defensive help.
12. Ball State
Cards were heavy on skill positions.
13. Buffalo
Lots of linemen, which limits moves to other positions.
14. Eastern Michigan
Tough to recruit to a back-end program.

Huskies offer nasty bite in this Midwestern QB haven

By ELTON ALEXANDER
The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer

This should be the year of the Huskies in the MAC. And it will continue to be a season for quarterbacks.

Northern Illinois, under coach Joe Novak, has quietly built a budding league champion, if not a potential dominant program, in a league that has essentially been a one-trick pony since the arrival of Marshall's Thundering Herd six seasons ago.

But until Marshall proves it has a quarterback the likes of departed Byron Leftwich, it's tough to see the Herd continuing to dominate. It will be tough enough for MU just to stay on top in the MAC East. The Miami RedHawks, MAC bridesmaids for most of the last decade, seem to have enough to finally capture at least a division crown, even though Central Florida and possibly Akron could emerge.

Since the MAC does not have a string of bowl tie-ins, only a diehard would know the Huskies tied for the MAC West title in each of the past two seasons. Last year NIU finished 8-4 overall and 7-1 in the conference. It allowed the fewest points (167) of any MAC team all season and showed it could win any way necessary; stopping Kent State's stubborn running game in 13-6 fashion or coming back to topple Miami, 48-41, on the road.

Games to watch

Central Florida at Akron, Oct. 18
Winner of this one is likely a true dark-horse contender in the MAC East.

Northern Illinois at Bowling Green, Oct. 25
Late-season game knocks the loser out of MAC West title hunt and postseason bowl chase.

Marshall at Miami (Ohio), Nov. 12
Bad blood still boils from last season on both sides.

The RedHawks may have a national reputation for pulling major-college upsets, but it has been 15 years since Miami has won a MAC title. That's a long dry spell for a program of this caliber and needs to be stopped, posthaste. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger inherits Leftwich's mantle as the best behind center in the MAC, but he will be challenged at his position by players in both divisions.

Central Florida's Ryan Schneider has better statistical numbers than "Big Ben." Bowling Green's Josh Harris is equally diverse running and passing. Akron's Charlie Frye has numbers good enough to stand beside anybody but not the wins. Northern Illinois QB Josh Haldi has the wins but not the numbers. And Kent State's Joshua Cribbs is a one-man highlight reel.

ALL-MID-AMERICAN TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Ryan Schneider**, sr., Central Florida
RB—**Michael Turner**, sr., Northern Illinois
RB—**Franklin Wallace**, sr., Marshall
OT—**Nick Kaczur**, jr., Toledo
OT—**Mark Orszula**, sr., Northern Illinois
C—**Todd Ghilani**, sr., Northern Illinois
OG—**Aaron Conley**, jr., Akron
OG—**Jacob Bell**, sr., Miami
WR—**Matt Cherry**, sr., Akron
WR—**Darius Watts**, sr., Marshall
TE—**Mike Brake**, sr., Akron
PK—**Jared Parseghian**, jr. Miami

DEFENSE

DL—**Jason Babin**, sr., Western Michigan
DL—**Travis Moore**, jr., Northern Illinois
DL—**Jamus Martin**, jr., Marshall
DL—**Toriano Brown**, sr., Marshall
LB—**Mitch Hewitt**, sr., Bowling Green
LB—**Justin Beriault**, jr., Ball State
LB—**Brian Atkinson**, jr., Northern Illinois
DB—**Janssen Patton**, sr., Bowling Green
DB—**Atari Bigby**, jr., Central Florida
DB—**Randee Drew**, sr., Northern Illinois
DB—**Brandon Hefflin**, sr., Toledo
P—**David Rysko**, jr., Eastern Michigan

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

Miami (OH) REDHAWKS

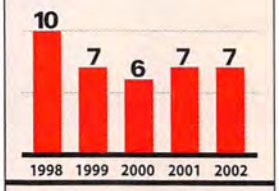
2002 Record: 7-5 overall, 5-3 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.muredhawks.com

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	@Iowa	L	24-29
S.13	@Northwestern		
S.20	@Colorado State		
S.27	Cincinnati	W	31-26
O.4	Akron	W	48-31
O.11	Buffalo	W	49-0
O.18	@Ball State		
O.25	@Kent State	W	27-20
N.4	Bowling Green		
N.12	Marshall	L	34-36
N.22	@Ohio	W	38-20
N.28	@UCF	L	31-48

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 12
Lettermen returning/lost: 49/13

OFFENSE

QB	7	Ben Roethlisberger (6-5, 242, Jr.)
	8	Josh Betts (6-3, 208, So.)
FB	39	Andy Capper (6-2, 263, Jr.)
	13	Adam Ciborowski (6-0, 219, Jr.)
TB	11	Luke Clemens (5-10, 217, Sr.)
	43	Cal Murray (5-10, 198, Sr.)
LT	71	Ben Herrell (6-7, 316, Sr.)
	75	Mark Kracium (6-5, 291, So.)
LG	54	Frank Smith (6-3, 295, Sr.)
	60	Dan Kosta (6-2, 285, Sr.)
C	62	Todd Londot (6-7, 284, So.)
	66	Joe Serina (6-2, 284, Sr.)
RG	79	Nate Bunce (6-6, 287, So.)
	77	Chriss Fessell (6-5, 290, So.)
RT	74	Jacob Bell (6-5, 295, Sr.)
	70	Ryan Meyer (6-5, 278, So.)
TE	87	Matt Brandt (6-5, 248, Sr.)
	90	Geoff Robinson (6-4, 261, Sr.)
WR	6	Mike Larkin (5-8, 165, Jr.)
	82	R.J. Corbin (5-11, 192, Fr.)
WR	82	Andre Henderson (6-2, 202, Jr.)
	2	Mike Iriti (6-0, 185, Jr.)
WR	88	Korey Kirkpatrick (6-1, 200, Sr.)
		Martin Nance (6-4, 210, So.)

DEFENSE

LE	57	Phil Smith (6-1, 262, Sr.)
	99	Mike Barz (6-4, 264, So.)
LT	65	John Galvin (5-11, 269, So.)
	48	Bill Lauter (6-2, 238, So.)
RT	91	Larry Burt (6-4, 299, Jr.)
	93	Marcus Johnson (6-3, 261, So.)
RE	44	Jarrod Rich (6-3, 251, So.)
	49	Will Stanley (6-1, 245, Sr.)
OLB	12	John Busing (6-3, 225, So.)
	54	David Hutzelman (6-2, 218, So.)
MLB	3	Terrell Jones (5-9, 218, Sr.)
	38	Derek Rehage (6-1, 225, Jr.)
OLB	32	Terna Nande (6-1, 214, So.)
	98	Matt Cohen (6-2, 226, So.)
CB	22	Ryan Sprague (5-10, 191, Sr.)
	28	Darrell Hunter (6-1, 201, So.)
CB	9	Aphonso Hodge (5-11, 205, Jr.)
	21	Ryan Redd (5-10, 168, So.)
SS	19	Matt Pusateri (5-11, 199, Jr.)
	20	Bryan Tyson (6-0, 193, So.)
FS	38	Steve Burke (6-0, 184, So.)
	23	Joey Card (6-1, 187, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	26	Jared Parseghian (5-10, 194, Jr.)
	92	Todd Soderquist (6-2, 209, So.)
P	16	Mike Wafzig (6-4, 229, Jr.)
	7	Ben Roethlisberger (6-5, 242, Jr.)

Roethlisberger's right arm will help this be the year that Miami rides 'Herd' over Marshall

The RedHawks' curse in recent years has been residing in the same division as Marshall—and they have yet to break the spell. They came close last season before self-destructing on the final drive of the night, allowing Marshall to score on a controversial last play that led to a postgame meltdown for a program historically known for its class and composure.

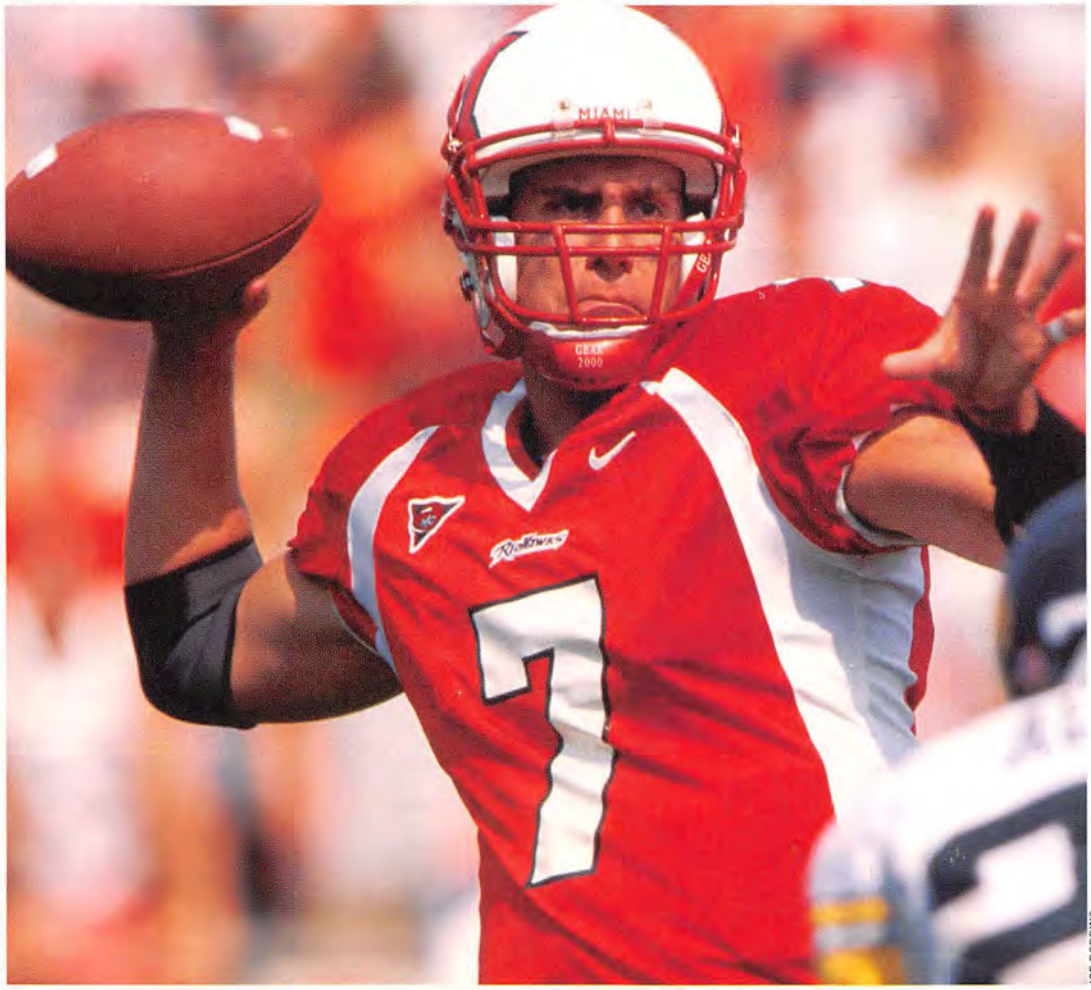
That Marshall rematch is in Oxford, Ohio, this year. If Miami and junior quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (.630 completion rate, 3,238 yards passing, 22 TDs, 11 INTs) win just one game this season, guess that one. But they will likely get many more.

While Roethlisberger breaks in a new set of receivers, look for Miami to run the ball a bit more behind a veteran offensive line. They'll block for sage senior tailbacks Luke Clemens, swift (but injury-prone) Cal Murray and sophomore newcomer Derek Rehage, a converted 6-1, 235-pound middle linebacker who gained more than 100 yards in the spring game.

Miami plays its traditionally tough schedule, but the good news is the RedHawks do not play their first league game until October. By then Roethlisberger should be in sync with his receiving crew and have a tailback in the groove.

The one question mark for coach Terry Hoeppner will be rebuilding a defense that has but five starters returning. The secondary, in particular, must get up to speed by conference play because most of the top-quality passing QBs in the league reside in the MAC East.

Ben Roethlisberger, *QB*



JOE ROBBINS

STADIUM INFO	**Name:** Yager Stadium **Capacity:** 30,012 **Playing Surface:** Grass	THE COACH	**Terry Hoeppner,** 5th Year **Record:** 27-19 **Career Record:** 27-19	ASST. COACHES	**Shane Montgomery** (off. coord./QBs), **Pat Narduzzi** (def. coord.), **Brian George** (DL), **Bobby Johnson** (TEs), **Taver Johnson** (LBs), **Joe Palcic** (DBs), **John Peterson** (OL), **Brian Von Bergen** (WRs/recruiting), **Jim Wachenheim** (assist. head coach/RBs)

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 2

Marshall

THUNDERING HERD

The kings are not dead. But NCAA roster sanctions start kicking in this season. At the same time, the Thundering Herd must start a new quarterback regime. Chad Pennington (New York Jets) begat Byron Leftwich (Jacksonville Jaguars) and that's two first-round NFL QBs. That puts a lot of pressure on the next man in line, junior Stan Hill.

RICK HAYE/ICON SMI

Darius Watts, *WR*

In two starts in relief of Leftwich, including the title-clinching win over Miami, Hill completed 63 percent of his passes for 536 yards, five TDs and five interceptions. The one thing he brings to the table that both Leftwich and Pennington didn't is the ability to run (106 yards rushing in '02). He will have the MAC's two top receivers in Josh Davis (75 receptions for 1,191 yards) and Darius Watts (71, 1,030, 12 TDs).

Hill will also have an improved running game with bullish Franklin Wallace (614 rushing yards, 7 TDs) and electric JC transfer Earl Charles, who can both run and catch out of the backfield.

Marshall's problem will be on defense. The prolific Leftwich allowed the Herd to simply outscore the opposition. Until Hill proves equal to his departed comrades, the Herd will have to drop that 24-point-per-game defense back a notch to maintain the string of excellence.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Hofstra
S.6	@Tennessee
S.12	Toledo
S.20	@Kansas State
S.27	@Troy State
O.11	Kent State
O.18	@Buffalo
O.25	@Western Michigan
N.1	Akron
N.12	@Miami (OH)
N.19	@UCF
N.28	Ohio

TEAM INFO
2002 Record: 11-2
Conference: 7-1
Official athletic Web site: www.herdzone.com

THE COACH
Bob Pruett, 8th Year
Record: 80-13
Career Record: 80-13

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 3

Akron

ZIPS

With his neck on the chopping block, Akron coach Lee Owens saw his team rally around him down the stretch last season to win three of the Zips' last four and save his job. The challenge now is for Owens to win big and contend for a MAC East title. With 11 starters back on offense, and a non-league schedule softer than a pillow, a winning season should be in hand by the time Akron stares at a tough stretch run in the MAC East.

ISAAC MENASHE/ICON SMI

Charlie Frye, *QB*

The big question mark is a defense that has been in rebuilding mode for most of the past four seasons. The two best players are sophomore safety Domenik Hixon (65 tackles) and sophomore linebacker Diontre Earl (67 tackles, 12 for lost yardage). After that, question marks are everywhere.

Offensively, however, this may be the most explosive outfit in the league.

The entire offensive line returns intact. Junior quarterback Charlie Frye (66-percent completion rate, 2,824 yards, 15 TDs, 9 INTs) is a surgeon. Senior tailback Bobby Hendry (1,021 rushing yards, 8 TDs) can deliver on the ground, and a diverse group of receivers can make plays short with Miguel Irvin (53 catches, 535 yds), intermediate with Matt Cherry (35, 463) or long with converted quarterback Nick Sparks (26, 338). Experienced reserves are in place at nearly every skill position as well.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	Kent State
S.6	@Wisconsin
S.13	Eastern Michigan
S.20	Howard
S.27	@Buffalo
O.4	@Miami (OH)
O.11	Cal Poly
O.18	UCF
O.25	@Connecticut
N.1	@Marshall
N.8	@Central Michigan
N.15	Ohio

TEAM INFO
2002 Record: 4-8
Conference: 3-5
Official athletic Web site: www.gozips.com

THE COACH
Lee Owens, 9th Year
Record: 33-56
Career Record: 33-56

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 4

Central Florida

KNIGHTS

The second year in the MAC for the Golden Knights could be better. But now that Central Florida has shown its hand, the rest of the league will surely adjust.

The initial returns are: top-tier offense, strong team at home, solid on the road, can be had on defense.

With Marshall's Byron Leftwich gone, the argument can be made that Ryan Schneider (62-percent completion rate, 3,770 yards passing, 31 TDs, 16 INTs) is the best returning quarterback in the MAC.

DALE BARBEE

Ryan Schneider, *QB*

He doesn't have much proven help around him, however, as just four starters return from a team that posted 32.6 points a game last season.

While the offense comes around, the defense will have to be stronger than last season. Junior safety Atari Bigby (104 tackles, 5 tackles for loss) is the main cog for a defense that allowed 26 points a game last season. But three of four defensive linemen are also among the eight returning starters.

The key for the Knights will be the state of Ohio, as UCF will play Kent State, Ohio and Akron all in the Buckeye State. Do that, then close out the season with back-to-back home wins over Marshall and Miami, and a division title can be theirs.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.31	@Virginia Tech
S.13	Florida Atlantic
S.20	@Syracuse
S.27	@Kent State
O.4	Buffalo
O.11	@Ohio
O.18	@Akron
O.25	Central Michigan
N.1	@West Virginia
N.8	@Eastern Michigan
N.19	Marshall
N.28	Miami (OH)

TEAM INFO
2002 Record: 7-5
Conference: 6-2
Official athletic Web site: www.ucfathletics.com

THE COACH
Mike Kruczek, 6th Year
Record: 33-23
Career Record: 33-23

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 5

Ohio

BOBCATS

BOB FALCETTI/ICON SMI

Brian Knoor, *coach*

The Bobcats finally started to show some options with their option offense at the end of last season, joining the 21st century by discovering the forward pass.

Better late than never.

Now that Ohio has that element in its offense, this team must get healthy. Three projected offensive line starters and two defensive line regulars were hobbled most of last season and missed much of spring drills. A rush to the junior college ranks for help must bear fruit for the Bobcats to feel secure. Defensively, noseguard Andre Parker (ankle) and defensive end Garrett Bush (knee) are All-MAC-caliber players who must regain their health.

Quarterback Fred Ray emerged at midseason last year to be the leader this team needed. His 355 yards rushing were what one would expect from an option quarterback. But it was his 712 yards passing for five TDs (basically all coming over the final six games) that offers hope for the Bobcats to rise above .500 this season.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Southeast Missouri State
S.6	@Iowa State
S.13	Minnesota
S.27	Western Michigan
O.4	@Northern Illinois
O.11	UCF
O.18	@Kentucky
O.25	@Buffalo
N.8	Kent State
N.15	@Akron
N.22	Miami (OH)
N.28	@Marshall

TEAM INFO
2002 Record: 4-8
Conference: 4-4
Official athletic Web site: www.ohiobobcats.com

THE COACH
Brian Knorr, 3rd Year
Record: 5-18
Career Record: 5-18

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

Buffalo

BULLS

DON HEUPEL/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Aaron Leeper, *RB*

The Bulls are slowly building a Division I-A program after years in I-AA. The biggest challenge has been depth for the long haul. Truth is, Buffalo has pretty much held its own defensively for several seasons. It's the offense that has been wanting. In a league filled with top-notch quarterbacks, the Bulls are still searching for one.

Junior Randall Secky and sophomore P.J. Piskorik will fight for the QB job into preseason camp. Secky is more experienced, Piskorik more gifted. A veteran offensive line and reliable tailback in Aaron Leeper, last year's MAC Freshman of the Year, should make the signal-calling job easier. But developing passing targets on the flanks, and bulking up a defense that allowed more than 400 yards of offense per game, will aid that improvement a lot.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Rutgers
S.6	@Iowa
S.13	Colgate
S.20	Connecticut
S.27	Akron
O.4	@UCF
O.11	@Miami (OH)
O.18	Marshall
O.25	Ohio
N.1	@Toledo
N.8	Northern Illinois
N.22	@Kent State

TEAM INFO
2002 Record: 1-11
Conference: 0-8
Official athletic Web site: www.ubathletics.buffalo.edu

THE COACH
Jim Hofher, 3rd Year
Record: 4-19
Career Record: 48-55

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 7

Kent State

GOLDEN FLASHES

ICON SPORTS MEDIA

Joshua Cribbs, *QB*

Athletically, there is no single talent in the MAC, perhaps in the entire Midwest, equal to Kent State quarterback Joshua Cribbs. In two seasons he has already accounted for 29 touchdowns rushing and passing, has averaged 6.9 yards per carry and posted eight TD runs of 29 yards or more. But he can't completely lift Kent alone.

By the end of last season the 6-foot quarterback had eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing and passing for the second straight year. But, in between, a midseason hamstring injury effectively snuffed out Cribbs' season, and a team that has struggled mightily offensively during the five-year Dean Pees era continued to do so. Averaging 16.8 points per game just won't cut it for the Golden Flashes.

A new offensive coordinator is on hand, but essentially so is the same talent, including senior tailback David Alston, a former second-team All-MAC player who has struggled with fumbles and injuries in his career.

Defensively, KSU is strong, with veteran junior safety Shannon Davis (86 tackles), junior linebacker Eric Mahl (60) and sophomore defensive lineman Justin Parrish. But no "O" equals no "Ws."

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	@Akron
S.6	@Pittsburgh
S.13	Youngstown State
S.20	@Penn State
S.27	UCF
O.4	Ball State
O.11	@Marshall
O.18	Connecticut
O.25	Miami (OH)
N.8	@Ohio
N.15	@Bowling Green
N.22	Buffalo

TEAM INFO
2002 Record: 3-9
Conference: 1-7
Official athletic Web site: http://dept.kent.edu/athletics

THE COACH
Dean Pees, 6th Year
Record: 12-44
Career Record: 12-44

Northern Illinois HUSKIES

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

2002 Record: 8-4 overall, 7-1 MAC

Official athletic Web site: www.niuhuskies.com

With most of their weapons back, Novak's Huskies should have lots more bite than bark

With seven starters returning on offense and six on defense, the Huskies have many of their prime contributors returning to make a title run.

First is a defense that held the opposition to 3.5 yards per rush and 131.8 yards per game and picked off 21 interceptions. Two of its top three tacklers in safety Akil Grant (138 tackles) and linebacker Nick Duffy (122), plus its leading interceptor, defensive back Randee Drew (7 INTs), all return.

Second is a tailback, Michael Turner, who is the leading returning rusher in the nation at 1,915 yards and is capable of breaking a game open with his speed and elusiveness or closing one out with his power and toughness.

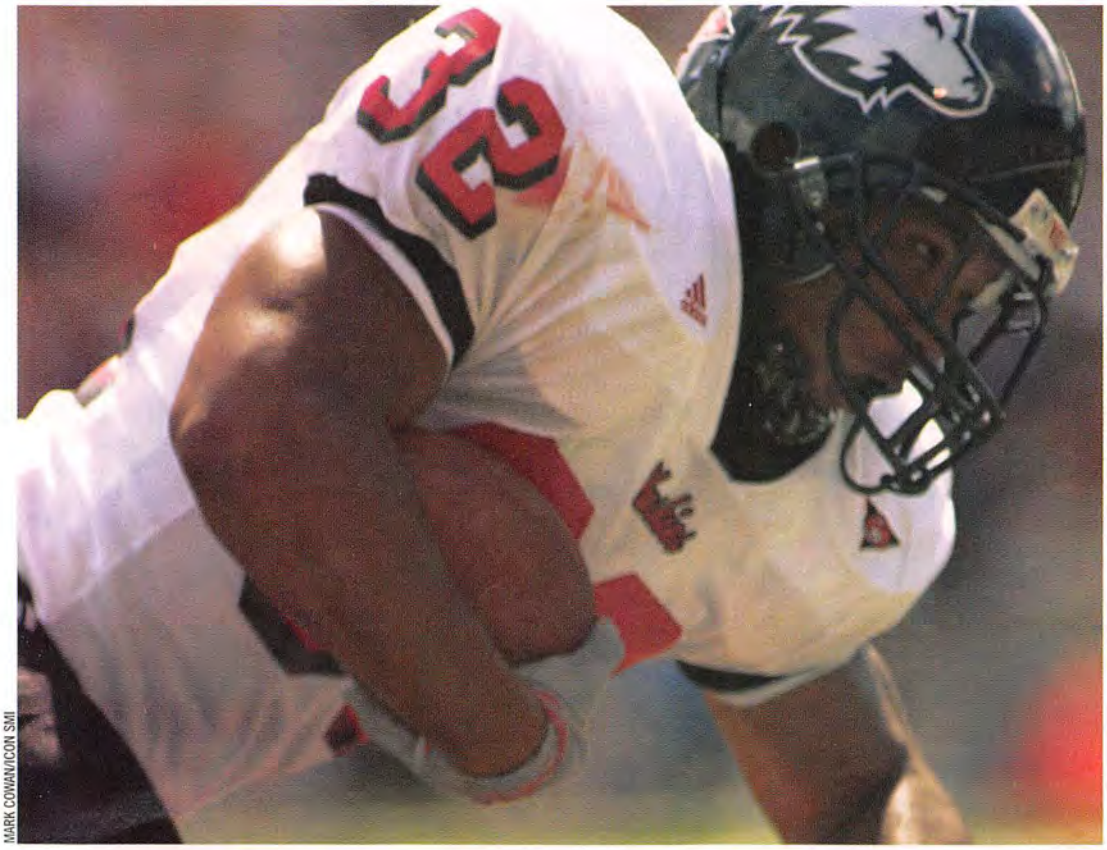
Finally, the Huskies also have a proven winner at quarterback in junior Josh Haldi (2,027 yards passing, 15 TDs, 6 INTs). He was not one of the MAC's five top 20 passers in NCAA Division I-A last season, but he was obviously good enough.

The one real challenge could be an aggressive schedule that has NIU opening the season against Maryland, with Alabama and Iowa State back-to-back before the end of September. A string of league games follows with tough road trips to Bowling Green and Toledo down the stretch.

MARK COWAN/ICON SMI

Steve Azar, *PK*

Michael Turner, *RB*



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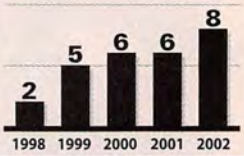
2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
A.30	Maryland		
S.6	Tennessee Tech		
S.20	@Alabama		
S.27	Iowa State		
O.4	Ohio		
O.11	@Central Michigan	W	49-0
O.18	Western Michigan	W	24-20
O.25	@Bowling Green	W	26-17
N.1	Ball State	W	41-29
N.8	@Buffalo		
N.15	@Toledo	L	30-33
N.22	Eastern Michigan	W	49-21

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/14

OFFENSE

QB	10	Josh Haldi (6-2, 194, Jr.)
	6	Ryan Gilbert (6-3, 195, Sr.)
FB	87	Aaron Anderson (6-3, 227, Jr.)
	54	Brad Benson (6-0, 240, Fr.-RS)
TB	32	Michael Turner (6-0, 223, Sr.)
	24	A. J. Harris (6-0, 210, So.)
LT	76	Shea Fitzgerald (6-6, 281, So.)
	62	Doug Free (6-5, 250, Fr.-RS)
LG	64	Shaun Schroeder (6-2, 309, Sr.)
	60	Joel Ellis (6-5, 315, Sr.)
C	63	Todd Ghilani (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	61	Matt Rogers (6-3, 250, Fr.-RS)
RG	65	Brian Van Acker (6-3, 266, So.)
	74	Jacob Ebenhoch (6-4, 279, Fr.-RS)
RT	66	Jake Verstraete (6-7, 289, Jr.)
	22	Jason Hawkins (6-2, 226, Jr.)
TE	80	Pat Raleigh (6-4, 231, So.)
	49	Jake Nordin (6-3, 239, Fr.-RS)
WR	84	Sam Hurd (6-1, 175, So.)
	1	Ketih Perry (6-3, 221, Sr.)
WR	5	Dan Sheldon (5-11, 175, Jr.)
	83	Shatone Powers (5-11, 172, So.)

DEFENSE

LE	55	Vinson Reynolds (6-1, 237, Sr.)
DT	90	Martin Wilson (6-0, 273, Jr.)
	95	Charles Johnson (6-1, 313, So.)
NT	61	Leonard Cooksey (6-0, 273, Sr.)
	97	Justin McIntyre (6-0, 297, So.)
RE	99	Jason Frank (6-5, 243, SR.)
	44	Ken West (6-0, 226, Fr.-RS)
SLB	38	Brian Atkinson (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	85	Jason Hutton (5-10, 229, So.)
MLB	45	Nick Duffy (6-2, 232, Sr.)
WLB	50	Kursten Strothman (6-1, 239, Jr.)
	47	Javan Lee (6-3, 206, So.)
CB	18	Randee Drew (5-8, 185, Sr.)
	12	Adriel Hansbro (5-10, 165, Fr.-RS)
CB	15	Gerard Taylor (5-7, 184, Sr.)
	29	Deon Smith (5-9, 183, So.)
SS	21	Akil Grant (5-11, 186, Sr.)
	48	Ray Smith (6-1, 182, So.)
FS	9	Lionel Hickenbottom (5-10, 192, Jr.)
	23	Devron Francis (5-9, 179, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	13	Steve Azar (5-7, 192, Sr.)
		Aaron Reese (5-10, 170, Fr.-RS)
P	92	Anthony Gallagher (5-11, 199, Sr.)
		Dennis Tovar (6-0, 200, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Huskie Stadium
Capacity: 30,076
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH
Joe Novak, 8th Year
Record: 28-50
Career Record: 28-50

ASST. COACHES
Matt Canada (off. coord./QBs), **Bill Bleil** (TEs), **George McDonald** (WRs), **Sam Pittman** (off. interior line), **DeAndre Smith** (RBs), **Scott Shafer** (def. coord./secondary), **Greg Bower** (def. interior line), **Denny Doombos** (LBs), **Mike Sabock** (DEs/recruit. coord.), **Matt Mangum** (strength and conditioning)

CONFERENCE RANK: 2

Toledo

ROCKETS

RON LEIFELD/AP WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Astin Martin, RB

Believe it or not, the Rockets are the only team that has toppled Marshall in a MAC title game since the Herd hit the league six years ago. Toledo can match its East rivals in wins the past three seasons, and has played in a pair of bowl games as well. But the Rockets are looking to break in their second quarterback in two years, and coach Tom Amstutz hasn't identified him yet.

The battle is between junior Cedric Stevens and sophomore Bruce Gradkowski, both reserves last season under departed Brian Jones, who proved the system is in place as he took over for prolific Tavares Bolden before him without skipping a beat. Adding to Toledo's offensive challenge will be finding a new group of receivers.

The Rockets' tailback-by-committee approach is doing fine, as three sophomores (Astin Martin, Trinity Dawson and Quinton Broussard) who combined for nearly 1,800 yards rushing last season return.

The defense is set as well, with eight defensive starters back, including a pair of secondary hitters in rover Keon Jackson and cornerback Brandon Hefflin. But in a league of top QBs, not having a proven one right off the bat puts the Rockets behind the pack.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@ULNV
S.6	Liberty
S.12	@Marshall
S.20	Pittsburgh
S.27	@Syracuse
O.11	Eastern Michigan
O.18	@Central Michigan
O.25	@Ball State
N.1	Buffalo
N.15	Northern Illinois
N.22	Western Michigan
N.28	@Bowling Green

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 9-5
Conference: 7-1
Official athletic Web site: www.utrockets.com

THE COACH

Tom Amstutz, 3rd Year
Record: 19-7
Career Record: 19-7

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

Western Michigan

BRONCOS

MICHAEL FARRELL

Jason Babin, DE

The MAC's hard-luck team from 2002 could very well rise to the top of the list in the MAC West if fortunes are reversed. Senior QB Chad Munson could easily climb among the MAC elite after a 2,160-yard passing season (14 TDs) if he can cut back on 17 interceptions. Senior tailback Philip Reed (1,053 yards rushing, 10 TDs) is also a proven commodity.

Statistically, WMU was in every game last year, finishing the season with an average score of 25.2 to 27.5, meaning a field goal was the difference between winning and losing in a 4-8 season.

Defensively, look for senior defensive end Jason Babin to have a standout season coming off a 94-tackle, 15-sack performance as a junior. Almost the entire secondary returns as well, led by junior Tony Carr, who picked off five passes last season to go along with 45 tackles.

This is WMU's 100th year of football and will include games with Virginia and Michigan State. If the Broncos can win home league matchups with Marshall and Bowling Green, it could lead to a division title and a dual celebration.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Michigan State
S.6	William & Mary
S.13	Virginia
S.27	@Ohio
O.4	@Eastern Michigan
O.11	Bowling Green
O.18	@Northern Illinois
O.25	Marshall
N.1	@Connecticut
N.8	Ball State
N.15	Central Michigan
N.22	@Toledo

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 4-8
Conference: 3-5
Official athletic Web site: www.wmubroncos.com

THE COACH

Gary Darnell, 7th Year
Record: 40-29
Career Record: 43-33

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

Bowling Green

FALCONS

BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

Josh Harris, QB

When the going got tough, Urban Meyer got going ... right to Utah.

The former Bowling Green coach built two seasons of winning records on the back of losing teams, taking the Falcons right into the Top 25 rankings. But when faced with playing three solid challengers late in the season, Meyer didn't have the touch, losing to Northern Illinois, South Florida and Toledo by a combined 49 points.

Now new coach Gregg Brandon has the daunting task of maintaining BGSU's winning ways against a schedule much tougher than Meyer ever faced. Ohio State and Purdue aren't Kansas and Missouri. The good thing is some serious talent remains on hand to potentially get the job done. That includes quarterback Josh Harris (2,425 yards passing, 19 TDs; 737 yards rushing, 4 TDs), multitalented Cole Magner (81 yards rushing, 1 TD; 74 passing, 3 TDs; 374 receiving, 3 TDs) and a veteran offensive line.

Defensively, senior Janssen Patton may be the best big-play defensive back in the league, with 11 career interceptions, while junior Keon Newson shows signs of joining him. Senior linebacker Mitch Hewitt (84 tackles, 3 fumbles recovered) also rates as one of the best in the MAC at his position.

If this team proves it can beat other winning teams, a division title is not out of the question.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	Eastern Kentucky
S.6	@Purdue
S.13	Liberty
S.20	@Ohio State
O.4	Central Michigan
O.11	@Western Michigan
O.18	@Eastern Michigan
O.25	Northern Illinois
N.4	@Miami (OH)
N.15	Kent State
N.22	@Ball State
N.28	Toledo

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 9-3
Conference: 6-2
Official athletic Web site: www.bgsufalcons.com

THE COACH

Gregg Brandon, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 5

Central Michigan

CHIPPEWAS

AJ MAST/ICON SMI

Derrick Vickers, *QB*

The Chippewas have been a step behind the elite in recent years and coach Mike DeBord says the reason has been inconsistent play at quarterback. So while veteran starter and three-year letterman Derrick Vickers returns, the position is open and the hot hand will win in the end. Look for Kent Smith and Jeff Perry to push Vickers the hardest.

The same is true at tailback, where a leader needs to emerge. Senior Terrence Jackson, injured at the start of last season, still finished with 421 yards and six TDs. If he returns to his 1,000-yard sophomore form, that spot should be solidified.

Defensively, there's a lot of turnover, starting with new defensive coordinator Robert Bartolomeo, who plans to shake things up with a greater emphasis on speed. A light non-league slate (Navy, New Hampshire, Eastern Kentucky) should be the foundation for a .500 season.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Michigan
S.6	New Hampshire
S.13	Eastern Kentucky
S.20	@Ball State
O.4	@Bowling Green
O.11	Northern Illinois
O.18	Toledo
O.25	@UCF
N.1	Eastern Michigan
N.8	Akron
N.15	@Western Michigan
N.22	@Navy

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 4-8
Conference: 2-6
Official athletic Web site: www.cmuchippewas.com

THE COACH

Mike DeBord, 4th Year
Record: 9-25
Career Record: 9-25

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 6

Ball State

CARDINALS

BRUCE SCHWARTZMAN

Lorenzo Scott, *LB*

A fresh start under new coach Brady Hoke could be just what this .500 program needs. And he will get to put his stamp on the product quickly. A former associate head coach/defensive line coach at Michigan, Hoke will undoubtedly place his first mark on that side of the football.

The Cardinals have solid defensive talent, led by senior linebacker Lorenzo Scott, who had 124 tackles last season. It's on offense where BSU will have to spice things up a bit. The QB job is now in the hands of junior Andy Roesch (1,341 yards passing, 15 TDs, 7 INTs), who came on to take the job over the final eight games of last season. But a new tailback must be found and that most likely will be junior Scott Blair, who gained 62 yards with a pair of touchdowns in the spring game.

A tough non-league slate that includes Boston College and Pitt could make another .500 season a stretch. But it is not out of the question.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Indiana State
S.6	Missouri
S.13	@Pittsburgh
S.20	Central Michigan
S.27	@Boston College
O.4	@Kent State
O.18	Miami (OH)
O.25	Toledo
N.1	@Northern Illinois
N.8	@Western Michigan
N.15	@Eastern Michigan
N.22	Bowling Green

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 6-6
Conference: 4-4
Official athletic Web site: www.ballstatesports.com

THE COACH

Brady Hoke, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 0-0

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 7

Eastern Michigan

EAGLES

ISAAC MEMASHE/ICON SMI

Chris Talley, *WR*

No program in the MAC is in worse shape than this one. Athletic Director Dave Diles is constantly hunting for another job, which leaves the appearance of a rudderless ship.

The Eagles have put an offensively entertaining brand of football on the field the past two seasons. But this defense, which allowed an average of 47.2 points a game last season, obviously can't stop water from running uphill. Four teams scored at least 55 points on EMU, while two hit 63.

That's a lot to overcome.

On top of everything else, quarterback coach Charley Molnar bolted for rival Western Michigan, leaving a huge void in one area, the passing game, where Eastern excelled. Quarterback Troy Edwards threw for 2,762 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. However, EMU's top rusher and receiver are gone, leaving too many holes to fill on both sides of the ball to expect the Eagles to be able to compete.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	East Tennessee State
S.4	Western Illinois
S.13	@Akron
S.20	@Navy
S.27	Maryland
O.4	Western Michigan
O.11	@Toledo
O.18	Bowling Green
N.1	@Central Michigan
N.8	UCF
N.15	Ball State
N.22	@Northern Illinois

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 3-9
Conference: 1-7
Official athletic Web site: www.emich.edu/goeagles

THE COACH

Jeff Woodruff, 4th Year
Record: 8-26
Career Record: 8-26

SUN BELT *Predicted order of finish:*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UNT	NM State	Ragin' Cajuns	ASU Indians	Utah State	MT	Vandals	ULM
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Upstart league's power base will continue to reside out West with North Texas and NMSU

By TOMMY HICKS
Mobile (Ala.) Register

A few hurdles have been cleared and there are many others ahead as the Sun Belt Conference moves toward its football future. The league, which began conference play in football just two seasons ago, is still in its infancy and has more growing pains ahead, but some progress has been made.

One big step came in December of last year when its champion, North Texas, won the New Orleans Bowl, defeating Conference USA member Cincinnati 24-19. Just a year before, North Texas, with a losing record, lost to Colorado State in the Sun Belt's first-ever bowl appearance. While the losing record for a bowl team attracted much discussion two years ago, the Mean Green now owns the second-best winning streak in the country against conference opponents at 11.

Still, there are dues to pay. Sun Belt teams will continue to play more tradition-rich opponents, usually on the road, for big paydays and the possibility of the big win that could help build some credibility for the young league.

Check out the season openers: Arkansas State at Texas A&M, Idaho at Washington State, Louisiana-Lafayette at South Carolina, Louisiana-Monroe at LSU, New Mexico State at Texas, North Texas at Oklahoma and Utah State at Utah. The only school opening with a lighter opponent—Middle Tennessee, which faces upstart Florida Atlantic at home—follows with road games at Georgia, Clemson and Missouri.

Utah State joins the league this season, bringing the number of schools chasing the football title to eight. However, two of those schools, Idaho and Louisiana-Monroe, were football-only members of the conference (at press time), a key distinction considering the NCAA's soon-to-be-in-place criteria that will require conferences to have at least eight full-time members playing football to maintain Division I-A status in the sport.

Games to watch

Arkansas State at Tulsa, Sept. 20
Although a non-conference game in reality, it serves as a designated conference game for the Indians—and it's on the road.

Louisiana-Lafayette at North Texas, Sept. 27
This could put Ragin' Cajuns in the conference-title hunt early, but it's an awfully tough road game.

North Texas at New Mexico State, Nov. 25
The last regular-season game for both teams, ESPN2 broadcast could be for league title and New Orleans Bowl berth.

ALL-SUN BELT TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Brian Lindgren**, sr., Idaho
RB—**Antonio Warren**, jr., Arkansas State
RB—**Eric Higgins**, sr., New Mexico State
WR—**Fred Stamps**, sr., Louisiana-Lafayette
WR—**Mack Vincent**, sr., Louisiana-Monroe
TE—**Josh Joerg**, sr., Louisiana-Lafayette
OL—**Brandon Westbrook**, sr., Middle Tennessee
OL—**Nick Zuniga**, sr., North Texas
OL—**Donald Penn**, so., Utah State
OL—**Matt Martinez**, sr., Idaho
OL—**Trevor Hutton**, sr., Utah State
PK—**Dario Aguiniga**, sr., New Mexico State
RS—**Ja'Mel Branch**, jr., North Texas

DEFENSE

DL—**Brandon Kennedy**, sr., North Texas
DL—**John Thompson**, sr., Louisiana-Monroe
DL—**Adrian Awasom**, jr. North Texas
DL—**John Chick**, so., Utah State
LB—**Taylor Casey**, sr., North Texas
LB—**Rich Glover**, jr., New Mexico State
LB—**Cody Spencer**, sr., North Texas
DB—**Craig Jones**, sr., North Texas
DB—**Chris Harris**, jr., Louisiana-Monroe
DB—**Jonathan Burke**, sr., Arkansas St.
DB—**Jonas Buckles**, jr., North Texas
P—**Robert Billings**, sr., Middle Tennessee

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Fred Stamps**, WR, Louisiana-Lafayette
Best hands: **Mack Vincent**, WR, Louisiana-Monroe
Best passing QB: **Brian Lindgren**, Idaho
Best option QB: **Paul Dombrowski**, New Mexico St.
Most elusive RB: **James Samuel**, Utah St.
Best instincts: **Andrew Smith**, QB, North Texas
Best athlete: **Ja'Mel Branch**, WR, North Texas
Best under pressure: **Steven Jyles**, QB, Louisiana-Monroe
Best NFL prospect: **Brandon Kennedy**, DL, North Texas
Top impact freshman: **Mike Liti**, RB, Utah St.
Hardest hitter: **Taylor Casey**, LB, North Texas
Biggest underachiever: **Cedric Thompson**, WR, Idaho

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Rickey Bustle**, Louisiana-Lafayette
Best recruiter: **Darrell Dickey**, North Texas
Coach on the spot: **Tom Cable**, Idaho

Don't be surprised if ...

the Sun Belt announces that it's expanding its membership by several teams before this season begins.

One man's opinion

"We've still got a long way to go, but you can see the overall talent and the competition in this league is getting better."

—a Sun Belt assistant coach

Rating the recruits

1. Utah State
Running back Mike Liti and juco WR Jerome Wright lead a solid class.

2. North Texas
Filling some key gaps with jucos, Mean Green also got a good freshman QB in 6-4 Joey Byerly.

3. Louisiana-Lafayette
Athlete Michael Adams, WR Jordan Jackson, QB Devin Williams lead the way.

4. Arkansas St.
Deep class with some key signees, including LB Josh Williams and DB LeUndo Adams.

5. New Mexico St.
A strong class features S Nick Cleaver and RB Spencer McIllwain.

6. Middle Tennessee
Needs filled in several areas; OL John Henry is a huge (303 pounds) pick-up.

7. Idaho
Vandals slipped into California (nine) and Washington state (four) to try and improve their roster.

8. Louisiana-Monroe
Decent class, but Indians need another good class following it to build some needed depth in the program.

North Texas
MEAN GREEN

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 1

2002 Record: 8-5 overall, 6-0 SUN BELT *(beat Cincinnati in the New Orleans Bowl, 24-19*

Official athletic Web site: www.unt.edu/meangreen

Quickly becoming the dominant team in the Sun Belt Conference, the Mean Green has built a strong defense and backed that with an effective offense. Two years ago, the team represented the league in the New Orleans Bowl with a losing record. Last season, North Texas returned to the bowl game, defeating Cincinnati 24-19 to end the season with seven consecutive victories. It enters this season with 11 straight conference wins, the second-best mark in the country.

When the Mean Green defense is discussed, the first name associated with that conversation is 5-foot-10, 312-pound tackle Brandon Kennedy, the Sun Belt Player of the Year last season. He was second in the nation in 2002 with 25 tackles for loss and added 10 sacks. Kennedy missed spring drills to continue rehabbing a knee injury but is expected back at full speed.

He will be joined by seven other returning starters on defense, including end Adrian Awasom and three linebackers—Cody Spencer, Taylor Casey and Chris Hurd—who make up the league's best unit at that position. Cornerback Walter Priestley is also back, along with free safety Jonas Buckles and strong safety Craig Jones.

This is quite a formidable group. North Texas led the Sun Belt in total defense (290.2 yards per game), rushing defense (118.6), pass defense (171.6), scoring defense (14.8 points per game), pass-efficiency defense (103.8), first downs allowed (205), sacks (44), opponents' fourth-down conversions (38.9 percent) and opponents' third-down conversions (30.2).

Two of the three open spots in the starting lineup will be filled by some highly touted newcomers. Transfer Michael Pruitt, a first-team junior college All-America pick, will likely claim the other tackle spot. Another juco transfer, Eli Hutchison, has a chance to earn the starting spot at end, while the open cornerback slot could go to Jeremy Pearl, who spilt time with Priestley last year.

Offensively, there are six starters back, but a couple of those are players who split time or missed action due to injury.

Coach Darrell Dickey, who has won both Sun Belt Coach-of-the-Year awards, is steadily building a solid program.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Oklahoma
S.6	Baylor
S.13	@Air Force
S.20	@Arkansas
S.27	Louisiana-Lafayette
O.11	@Idaho
O.18	Utah State
O.25	@Middle Tennessee St.
N.1	Troy State
N.8	@Louisiana-Monroe
N.15	Arkansas State
N.25	@New Mexico State

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/14

OFFENSE		
QB	11	Scott Hall (6-1, 211, Jr.)
FB	45	Chad Boyd (6-0, 200, Jr.)
RB	43	Patrick Cobbs (5-9, 189, So.)
OT	64	Jason May (6-4, 295, So.)
OG	77	Nick Zuniga (6-3, 319, Sr.)
C	57	Andy Brewster (6-2, 247, Jr.)
OG		Dylan Lineberry (6-3, 310, Fr.)
OT	59	Weston Thaggard (6-4, 270, Fr.)
TE	88	Randy Gardner (6-4, 245, Sr.)
WR	34	Ja'Mel Branch (5-7, 170, Jr.)
WR	8	Michael Thrash (6-2, 187, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	85	Adrian Awasom (6-3, 270, Jr.)
DT	92	Brandon Kennedy (5-10, 312, Sr.)
DT	95	Evan Cardwell (6-3, 270, Jr.)
DE	65	Luke Conder (6-3, 257, Sr.)
SLB	4	Taylor Casey (6-3, 215, Sr.)
MLB	48	Cody Spencer (6-3, 230, Sr.)
WLB	17	Chris Hurd (6-1, 220, Sr.)
LCB	10	Jeremy Pearl (6-3, 190 Sr.)
RCB	18	Walter Priestley (5-10, 178, Jr.)
SS	22	Craig Jones (6-0, 211, Sr.)
FS	1	Jonas Buckles (5-11, 213, Jr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	29	Nick Bazaldua (5-10, 165, So.)
P	35	Brad Kadlubar (5-11, 196, So.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Fouts Field
Capacity: 30,500
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

THE COACH

Darrell Dickey, 5th Year
Record: 18-29
Career Record: 21-37

New Mexico State
AGGIES

CONFERENCE **RANK:** 2

2002 Record: 7-5 overall, 5-1 SUN BELT

Official athletic Web site: www.nmstatesports.com

The Aggies came close to knocking off North Texas for the conference crown a year ago, but the Mean Green took a 38-27 win in a mid-November game, marking New Mexico State's only league loss and keeping the Aggies out of a bowl. Playing a tough schedule, they finished the year 7-5, including losses at South Carolina, Georgia and Cal. But they gained some valuable experience and confidence that they take into this season.

Most teams losing a trio of offensive backfield players who accounted for more than 3,300 yards would have been stymied in efforts to get the offense rolling. That didn't happen with New Mexico State, which had six players combine for more than 4,300 yards of total offense. All six of those players—quarterbacks Paul Dombrowski and Buck Pierce and running backs Eric Higgins, Tony Bostic, Marcus Dixon and Keith Mouton—return this year.

The two-quarterback system worked well for the Aggies in '02. Dombrowski rushed for 868 yards and 12 touchdowns and passed for another 1,327 yards and seven touchdowns, while Pierce passed for 949 yards and six scores. Higgins, who missed four games, rushed for 500 yards. Fullback Dixon averaged 4.3 yards per carry and was a solid blocker. The running game, as directed by head coach Tony Samuel, a former Nebraska player and assistant coach, is key to the Aggies' attack. Under Samuels, now in his seventh season at Las Cruces, NMSU has averaged more than 200 yards rushing per game in five of the past six seasons.

On defense, ends Traydell Bullock and Greg Scaffidi will provide rush pressure, with nose tackle Joe Olivo also getting into the action. Tackle Lionel Apineru is available, as is utility lineman Tommy Laborin. John Sioui offers experience, too.

The linebacking corps will have experience and talent. Rich Glover, son of the former Nebraska All-American lineman of the same name (who serves as a defensive assistant at NMSU), has the pedigree and the talent, while Jimmy Cottrell led the team in tackles last season as a redshirt freshman.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Texas
S.6	Western New Mexico
S.13	@Oregon State
S.27	@New Mexico
O.4	Idaho
O.11	@Middle Tennessee St.
O.18	@Louisiana-LaFayette
O.25	@Louisiana-Monroe
N.1	Arkansas State
N.8	Utah State
N.15	@Arkansas
N.25	North Texas

PROJECTED STARTERS

Starters returning: 14
Lettermen returning/lost: 40/19

OFFENSE		
QB	10	Paul Dombrowski (6-1, 214, So.)
FB	44	Marcus Dixon (5-8, 239, Sr.)
IB	4	Eric Higgins (5-10, 199, Sr.)
OT	60	Trevor Kine (6-6, 276, Sr.)
OG	64	Nick Cole (6-2, 348, So.)
C	71	Andy Dale (6-1, 295, Sr.)
OG	63	Steve Subia (6-3, 365, Jr.)
OT	61	Matt Sanchez (6-4, 301, Jr.)
TE	89	Alex Davis (6-4, 239, Sr.)
WR	14	Preston Williams (6-1, 187, Sr.)
WR	27	Ronshay Jenkins (5-7, 147, Sr.)
DEFENSE		
DE	82	Greg Scaffidi (6-4, 265, Jr.)
NT	99	Tommy Laborin (6-3, 307, Sr.)
DT	45	Joe Olivo (6-2, 263, Sr.)
DE	32	Traydell Bullock (6-0, 253, Jr.)
LB	35	Tim Patrick (6-1, 227, Sr.)
LB	42	Jimmy Cottrell (6-1, 238, So.)
LB	37	Richard Glover (6-0, 231, Jr.)
CB	1	Cameron Wright (6-1, 181, So.)
CB	29	Chris Davis (5-9, 178, So.)
S	2	Matt Griebel (5-10, 179, So.)
S	48	Nathan Nuttall (6-0, 192, Fr.)
SPECIALISTS		
PK	12	Dario Aguiniga (5-11, 213, Sr.)
P	16	Steven Smith (6-3, 190, Jr.)

STADIUM INFO

Name: Aggie Memorial Stadium
Capacity: 30,343
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH

Tony Samuel, 7th Year
Record: 26-42
Career Record: 26-42

CONFERENCE RANK: 3

Louisiana - Lafayette

RAGIN' CAJUNS

A quick glance at last year's record (3-9 overall, 2-4 Sun Belt) combined with the fact the Ragin' Cajuns averaged just 61 yards rushing a game last year and return only nine returning starters wouldn't indicate this is a team on the rise. And certainly one can't be too optimistic against a schedule that includes visits to South Carolina, Oklahoma State, Southern Miss and Minnesota.

But there are intangibles surrounding Louisiana-Lafayette that do point to a program headed toward improvement and becoming a team that could make some things happen in league play. Coach Rickey Bustle has the Ragin' Cajuns on the move, literally, with a wide-open passing game. If the offense can become a bit more consistent, this is a team that could make a run in the Sun Belt race.

The loss of quarterback John Van Cleave will be felt, and replacement Eric Rekieta missed spring drills because of a broken throwing hand. Newcomer Jerry Babb could get some time there. With the pass-happy Cajuns, quarterback play is a key factor. Also, a running game that didn't have much punch loses most of that production with the departure of Jerome Coleman, but Chester Johnson and Dwight Lindon could step in there.

Louisiana-Lafayette's strengths will be at wide receiver and the offensive line. Fred Stamps, who accounted for more than 1,000 receiving yards and eight touchdowns, returns along with fellow wideout Bill Sampy, who had 30 catches as a third receiver last year.

On defense, the linebackers will set the tone. Ross Brupbacher returns after receiving a medical redshirt last season. In 2001 he was an all-conference pick.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@South Carolina
S.6	Louisiana Tech
S.13	Houston
S.20	@Minnesota
S.27	@North Texas
O.4	@Oklahoma State
O.11	Louisiana-Monroe
O.18	New Mexico State
O.25	Idaho
N.1	@Southern Miss.
N.8	Florida International
N.15	Middle Tennessee State

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 3-9-0
Conference: 2-4-0
Official athletic Web site: www.ragincajuns.com

THE COACH

Rickey Bustle, 2nd Year
Record: 3-9
Career Record: 3-9

CONFERENCE RANK: 4

Arkansas State

INDIANS

Steve Roberts has the Indians' program on the rise. Last season Arkansas State played 13 games in 13 weeks and finished 6-7 and 3-3 in the Sun Belt. The Indians came close to making a run at the league crown and producing a winning record but lost four of their final six games.

The schedule continues to be tough, with a trip to Texas A&M in the season opener heading a list of non-conference opponents that also includes Tulsa and Ole Miss.

There are some key vacancies that must be filled. The Indians lose two four-year starters on the offensive line (Gary Johnson and John Crossley) as well as running back Danny Smith.

Elliot Jacobs is back at quarterback, having passed for more than 1,700 yards with seven touchdowns and interceptions a year ago. At running back, Antonio Warren returns and should be the starter, with juco transfer Shermar Bracey and holdovers Terrance Dunbar and Chris Easley also expected to get some playing time. Ramon Williams and Orenthal O'Neal will be used at fullback.

Mike Cox, Gary Vincent, Jerome Stegall, Jason Boyd, Jerry Mack, Jason Wood and Chuck Walker make the Indians' receiving corps a solid group.

Arkansas State finished No. 2 in the league in total defense last year, and that side of the ball figures to again be the Indians' strength. The force starts up front, where Corey Williams and Jon Bradley lead the way. The line produced 37 sacks last season, 25 more than the year before.

The linebackers were young last season. This year, they are experienced, led by Les Echols, Steven Tookes, Eddie Walker and Reggie Everett.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Texas A&M
S.6	Tennessee-Martin
S.13	Southeast Missouri State
S.20	@Tulsa
S.27	@Memphis
O.4	Louisiana-Monroe
O.11	@Mississippi
O.25	@Utah State
N.1	@New Mexico State
N.8	Idaho
N.15	@North Texas
N.22	Middle Tennessee State

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 6-7-0
Conference: 3-3-0
Official athletic Web site: www.asuindians.com

THE COACH

Steve Roberts, 2nd Year
Record: 6-7
Career Record: 6-7

CONFERENCE RANK: 5

Utah State

AGGIES

The new kid on the Sun Belt block is Utah State, which ends two years as an independent. The Aggies played in the Big West until it ended league play in football following the 2000 season.

Despite being new to the league, there isn't a team on the Aggies' schedule they haven't previously played. Utah State is coming off a 4-7 season in which it played three overtime games, winning two of those (New Mexico and Troy State). Still, the Aggies begin the year with three road games (Utah, Nebraska and Arizona State). This year, the team will play 12 regular-season games for the first time in school history.

If Utah State adapts quickly to its new league and makes a chase for the Sun Belt title, it will likely depend on its defense to trigger such a run, even though last season's unit was not stellar. The Aggies allowed an average of 471.1 yards per game, giving up 400 yards 10 times and 500 yards or more four times. They also allowed 39.2 points a game.

Seven starters return on defense, but that doesn't necessarily mean this is an experienced group. End John Chick had 42 tackles and four sacks a year ago and was the first Utah State freshman to start a season opener since 1993.

On offense, Utah State ranked No. 7 in the country in passing, averaging 308 yards per game. In the season finale, the Aggies threw for 442 yards against Middle Tennessee.

Five starters are back from that unit, three of them on the line.

Travis Cox is expected to be the starting quarterback, taking over for school-record-setting Jose Fuentes, who accounted for more than 3,200 passing yards last season.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	@Utah
S.6	@Nebraska
S.13	@Arizona State
S.27	Louisiana-Monroe
O.4	@New Mexico
O.11	Wyoming
O.18	@North Texas
O.25	Arkansas State
N.1	Middle Tennessee
N.8	@New Mexico State
N.15	Troy State
N.22	@Idaho

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 4-7-0
Conference: Independent in '02
Official athletic Web site: www.utahstateaggies.com

THE COACH

Mike Denneby, 4th Year
Record: 13-20
Career Record: 52-32

CONFERENCE RANK: 6

Middle Tennessee

BLUE RAIDERS

Just two years ago the Blue Raiders were the team to beat in the Sun Belt's first year of football competition. North Texas, with a losing record, did just that in its head-to-head matchup with Middle Tennessee, earning a share of the conference crown and the New Orleans Bowl berth. Last season, Middle Tennessee, still armed with running back Dwone Hicks and several other scoring weapons, fell again, this time to 4-8 overall and 2-4 in the league.

The Blue Raiders, with an ambitious schedule, dropped their first five games last season (Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Southeast Missouri State and Arkansas State), beat Vanderbilt (for the second straight year) and Louisiana-Lafayette, then lost three of the next four. As a result, coach Andy McCollum, heading into his fifth year at Middle Tennessee, hired three new assistant coaches.

While injuries hampered the Blue Raiders last season, there could be a silver lining to that this season. Many young players received more playing time than expected, thus giving them experience for this season. It also gives Middle Tennessee 17 returning starters, including seven on offense and eight on defense.

The Blue Raiders have weapons. Andrico Hines will be the quarterback. He passed for 1,753 yards and six touchdowns last year but was intercepted seven times. He also rushed for 486 yards and 10 scores. With leading rushers Hicks and ReShard Lee gone, Don Calloway figures to be the starter at running back.

The secondary finds three starters returning to their spots—cornerback Tony Sutton, cornerback Muhammad Rashada and free safety Will Martin. Chris Johnson, a starter who broke his arm against Alabama, returns to the lineup, too.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.28	Florida Atlantic
S.6	@Georgia
S.13	@Clemson
S.20	@Missouri
O.4	Temple
O.11	New Mexico State
O.18	@Idaho
O.25	North Texas
N.1	@Utah State
N.8	Troy State
N.15	@La.-LaFayette
N.22	@Arkansas State

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 4-8-0
Conference: 2-4-0
Official athletic Web site: www.goblueraiders.com

THE COACH

Andy McCollum, 5th Year
Record: 21-24
Career Record: 21-24

CONFERENCE RANK: 7

Idaho

VANDALS

The Vandals were more like the "Victims" last season, posting a 2-10 record that included two three-game losing streaks and a four-game losing string to end the season. They were 1-5 in league play, defeating Middle Tennessee 21-18.

While there are signs of hope—Idaho led the Sun Belt in passing offense (289.6 yards per game) and was second in total offense (404.6)—there is plenty of room for improvement. The Vandals were last in the league in pass-defense efficiency (152.0), turnover margin (minus-14), pass defense (274.4 yards per game) and total defense (284.5).

Quarterback Brian Lindgren, an all-conference pick, is the Vandals' brightest ray of hope. The senior missed the final two games of last season with a broken collarbone but still managed to throw for 2,763 yards and 19 touchdowns. Michael Harrington, the brother of Detroit Lions QB Joey Harrington, is the backup and and will likely get some playing time, too.

Juco transfer Kevin McKenzie will make a run at the starting tailback spot, with returning players Zack Gerstner and Malfred Shaw also in the mix. Brian Yamo heads a list of contenders at fullback. There are plenty of candidates for the starting nod at tight end, too, led by Luke Smith-Anderson. The wide receiving corps returns Orlando Winston, Cedric Thompson and Jeff Stowe, but the biggest impact in the passing game will probably come from a trio of transfers—Bobby Bernal-Wood, Justin Wall and Matt Miller.

The line features center Matt Martinez, who is on the Rimington Trophy watch list.

Senior Ryan Downes is a Ray Guy Award candidate at punter.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Washington State
S.6	Eastern Washington
S.13	Boise State
S.20	@Washington
S.27	@Montana
O.4	@New Mexico State
O.11	North Texas
O.18	Middle Tennessee State
O.25	@La.-LaFayette
N.8	@Arkansas State
N.15	@Louisiana-Monroe
N.22	Utah State

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 2-10-0
Conference: 2-4-0
Official athletic Web site: www.uiathletics.com

THE COACH

Tom Cable, 4th Year
Record: 8-26
Career Record: 8-26

CONFERENCE RANK: 8

Louisiana - Monroe

INDIANS

It has been quite a tumultuous few months for the Indians' program. Head coach Bobby Keasler resigned his position following the third game of the 2002 season, with assistant Mike Collins named as interim coach. By November, the interim tag was eliminated.

That was before Collins resigned his post in early 2003 after an off-the-field incident involving a DUI arrest. On May 7, Charlie Weatherbie, the former head coach at Utah State and Navy, was given the job.

He has a lot of work to do. Weatherbie, termed "the right man for the right time" by ULM's director of athletics, Bruce Hanks, faces the prospect of putting together a competitive team in just four months. The Indians went 3-9 overall last year, including a 2-4 mark in league play.

Weatherbie takes over a team that allowed more points per game than any other Sun Belt squad. The Indians finished last in the league in rushing defense (195.7 yards per game) as well as next-to-last in pass defense (238.3) and total defense (434.0). Eight starters return on defense, which may not be a good thing.

There are a few positive notes. The offense, which ranked fourth in the league in total yards per game (343.3), returns nine starters.

Steven Jyles passed for more than 2,300 yards with 17 touchdowns last year as a freshman. He threw just nine interceptions and completed 49 percent of his passes. In the Indians' final six games, he was picked off only once while throwing for 11 scores.

The schedule won't make Weatherbie's job any easier. The Indians open at LSU and also have trips to two other SEC schools, Ole Miss and Auburn. They do get North Texas and New Mexico State at home, but will play seven of their 12 games on the road.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@LSU
S.6	Stephen F. Austin
S.13	@Mississippi
S.20	Northwestern State
S.27	@Utah State
O.4	@Arkansas State
O.11	@La.-LaFayette
O.25	New Mexico State
N.1	@Auburn
N.8	North Texas
N.15	Idaho
N.22	@Troy State

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 3-9-0
Conference: 2-4-0
Official athletic Web site: www.ulmathletics.com

THE COACH

Charlie Weatherbie, 1st Year
Record: 0-0
Career Record: 44-47

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Outside of Irish, independents' days are numbered

By AL LESAR
South Bend (Ind.) Tribune

Whether it's because of financial concerns, scheduling opportunities, identity issues or any number of reasons in the complex world of college football, the already-small list of independents continues to shrink.

Last year's group of six football programs without conference affiliations dwindle by two with South Florida (Conference USA) and Utah State (Sun Belt) slated to begin league play in 2003.

That leaves Notre Dame, Navy, Connecticut and Troy State as the only Division I-A schools playing as independents. The trend toward conference play will continue with Connecticut slated to begin play in the Big East in 2005. Also, officials at Troy State have indicated the Trojans may announce their association with a league (possibly the Sun Belt) before the end of this season.

That would leave the Irish and the Midshipmen as the stubborn torchbearers for a tradition that may be outdated, given the current guidelines that govern the game.

Notre Dame has proven it can survive on its name—and its own television network—as well its special exemptions in the Bowl Championship Series dealings. A conference would regionalize a national schedule and reputation, something school officials proved they held dear when they rejected an invitation to join the Big Ten a few years ago.

Games to watch

Notre Dame at Michigan, Sept. 13
The outcome of this game always seems to dictate the direction of Notre Dame's season.

Boston College at Connecticut, Sept. 13
The Huskies are scheduled to join the Big East Conference in 2005. They need to believe they can compete in the league now. BC will give UConn an adequate measuring stick.

Army vs. Navy, Dec. 6 (at Philadelphia)
No explanation necessary for this one.

Terry Caulley, RB

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ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Dan Orlovsky**, jr., Connecticut
RB—**Terry Caulley**, so., Connecticut
RB—**Ryan Grant**, jr., Notre Dame
WR—**Maurice Stovall**, so., Notre Dame
WR—**Jason Samples**, jr., Troy State
TE—**Gary Godsey**, sr., Notre Dame
OL—**Josh Goodin**, sr., Navy
OL—**Donnie Bostian**, jr., Troy State
OL—**Bob Morton**, so., Notre Dame
OL—**Ryan Krug**, jr., Connecticut
OL—**Mark LeVoir**, jr., Notre Dame
PK—**Nicholas Setta**, sr., Notre Dame

DEFENSE

DL—**Cedric Hilliard**, sr., Notre Dame
DL—**Darrell Campbell**, sr., Notre Dame
DL—**Uyi Osunde**, sr., Connecticut
DL—**Demarcus Ware**, jr., Troy State
LB—**Courtney Watson**, sr., Notre Dame
LB—**Eddie Carthan**, sr., Navy
LB—**Alfred Fincher**, jr., Connecticut
DB—**Vontez Duff**, sr., Notre Dame
DB—**Josh Smith**, jr., Navy
DB—**Glenn Earl**, sr., Notre Dame
DB—**Derrick Ansley**, jr., Troy State
P—**John Skaggs**, sr., Navy

Rating the players

Fastest receiver: **Maurice Stovall**, WR, Notre Dame
Best hands: **Jason Samples**, WR, Troy State
Best option QB: **Craig Candeto**, Navy
Best passing QB: **Dan Orlovsky**, Connecticut
Best under pressure: **Craig Candeto**, QB, Navy
Most elusive RB: **Ryan Grant**, Notre Dame
Best athlete: **Vontez Duff**, DB-KR, Notre Dame
Best instincts: **Cedric Hilliard**, DT, Notre Dame
Top NFL prospect: **Terry Caulley**, RB, Connecticut
Top impact freshman: **Keenan Little**, DB, Navy
Hardest hitter: **Josh Smith**, S, Navy
Biggest underachiever: **Julius Jones**, RB, Notre Dame

Rating the coaches

Best strategist: **Tyrone Willingham**, Notre Dame
Best recruiter: **Tyrone Willingham**, Notre Dame
Coach on the spot: **Paul Johnson**, Navy

Don't be surprised if ...

after a year of schooling in coach Paul Johnson's option principles, Navy makes a run at .500.

One man's opinion

"I knew we might be in trouble last year when the second offense got about 300 yards in one half against our No. 1 defense (in the spring game). That might have been a precursor of things to come."

—Navy coach Paul Johnson

Rating the recruits

1. Notre Dame
The landing of quarterback Brady Quinn, who appears to be perfectly suited for the Irish offense, topped off another national Top 10 class.

2. Connecticut
Fourth-year coach Randy Edsall believes he wouldn't have been able to land any of the caliber of recruits in this year's class four years ago. The bar has been raised.

3. Navy
While Navy doesn't release its complete class until the start of the school year, defensive back Keenan Little is a special talent who gives the group instant credibility.

4. Troy State
Four junior college linemen, plus quarterback Zach Richardson and tailback Sean Dawkins, make for a good group.

Notre Dame
FIGHTING IRISH

RATING: 1

2002 Record: 10-3 overall *(lost to N.C. State in the Gator Bowl, 28-6)*

Official athletic Web site: www.und.com

Improving on surprising '02 performance will be tough chore in Year 2 under Willingham

Despite having to almost completely retool the offensive line, second-year Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham refuses to flinch. His team's 10-3 record in 2002, which included a Gator Bowl loss to North Carolina State, has given Willingham and his staff a positive outlook on the future.

"I was always taught as a player there's no 'I' in team, and that is correct if you're just spelling the word," Willingham says. "But if you're talking about having a team, it is composed of individuals. We have to have individual growth."

Sean Milligan, a fifth-year senior guard who has battled injuries most of his career, is the only starter back in the offensive trenches. Centers Bob Morton and Zach Giles, tackles Jim Molinaro and Mark LeVoir and guard Dan Stevenson will be challenged to form an effective unit.

How that group comes together will have a lot to do with the success of the Irish offense. Also, figuring out if senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday is still a good fit for Willingham's West Coast passing attack—or if sophomore Chris Olsen or freshman Brady Quinn might be better suited—will weigh heavily on the outcome.

Tailback Julius Jones missed last season when he was dismissed from school for academic reasons. If he's able to return for his final season, he would bring explosiveness to the tandem of juniors Ryan Grant, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season, and Rashon Powers-Neal.

Sophomores Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight, junior Carlos Campbell and senior Omar Jenkins are key components of the receiving corps, along with senior tight ends Gary Godsey and Jared Clark.

The Irish defense, a stellar unit last season, will have to fill a pair of gaping holes in the secondary. Cornerback Shane Walton, regarded as one of the best in the country last season, and solid safety Gerome Sapp are gone.

Senior Vontez Duff, who combines speed with moxie, should be a dynamic corner along with senior Jason Beckstrom, who missed all of last season with an arm injury.

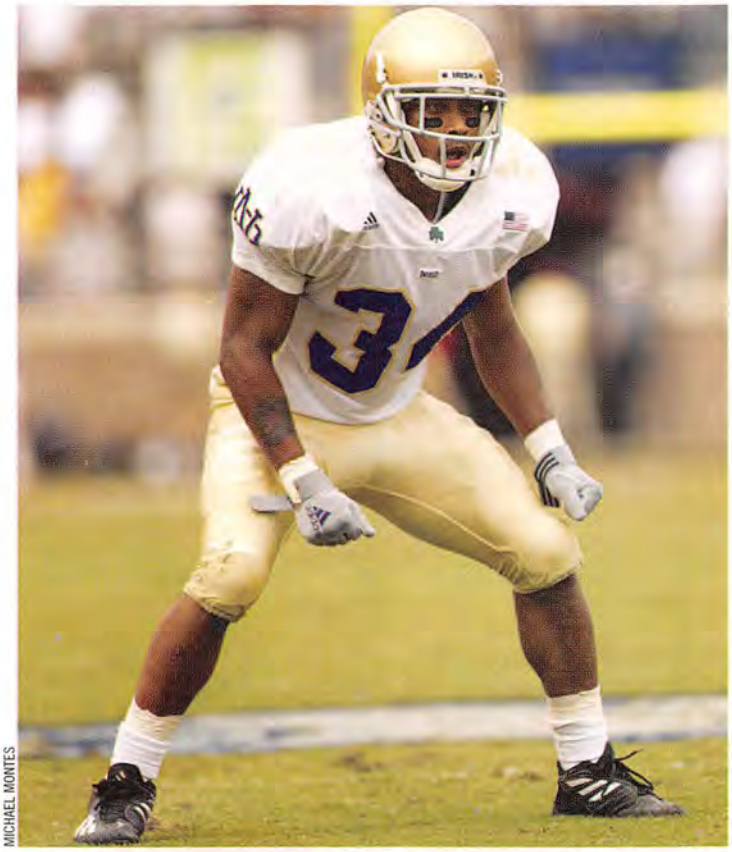
Senior Garron Bible and junior Lionel Bolen will battle for the strong safety job opposite senior free safety Glenn Earl. Senior inside linebacker Courtney Watson was the heart and soul of the defense last year and will return. Juniors Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays will battle Mike Goolsby for the other inside linebacker spot. Seniors Derek Curry and Jerome Collins are capable at outside linebacker.

It may be time for junior Justin Tuck to have a breakthrough season at end, opposite senior Kyle Budinscak. Seniors Cedric Hilliard and Darrell Campbell and senior Greg Pauly are the keys on the interior line.

Senior kicker/punter Nicholas Setta could emerge as one of the best in the country, as may kick and punt returner Duff, who has a burst of speed that makes him dangerous.

Home dates with Southern California and Florida State, plus an early-season trip to Ann Arbor to play Michigan, give the Irish a tough road to improve on last season.

Vontez Duff, *CB*

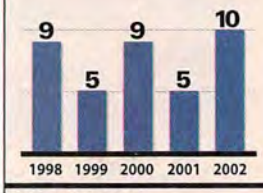


MICHAEL MONTES

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.	'02 Result	Score
S.6	Washington State		
S.13	@ Michigan	W	25-23
S.20	Michigan State	W	21-17
S.27	@ Purdue	W	24-17
O.11	at Pittsburgh	W	14-6
O.18	USC	L	13-44
O.25	at Boston College	L	7-14
N.1	Florida State	W	34-24
N.8	Navy	W	30-23
N.15	BYU		
N.29	@ Stanford	W	31-7
D.6	@ Syracuse		

FIVE-YEAR WINS TREND



DEPTH CHART

Starters returning: 13
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/25

OFFENSE

QB	7	Carlyle Holiday (6-3, 221, Jr.)
	12	Chris Olsen (6-4, 220, So.)
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal (6-2, 227, Jr.)
	25	Nate Schiccatano (6-3, 224, So.)
RB	4	Ryan Grant (6-1, 209, Jr.)
	11	Marcus Wilson (5-11, 198, Jr.)
OT	73	Matt LeVoir (6-7, 320, Jr.)
	51	Jamie Ryan (6-5, 290, So.)
OG	74	Dan Stevenson (6-5, 297, Jr.)
	69	Darrin Mitchell (6-3, 280, Jr.)
C	55	Zachary Giles (6-3, 287, Jr.)
	76	Bob Morton (6-4, 299, So.)
OG	65	Sean Milligan (6-4, 291, Sr.)
	62	Scott Rairdon (6-7, 300, So.)
OT	70	Jim Molinaro (6-6, 301, Sr.)
	71	James Bonelli (6-6, 282, So.)
TE	14	Gary Godsey (6-6, 250, Sr.)
	1	Jared Clark (6-4, 242, Sr.)
WR	80	Omar Jenkins (6-1, 205, Sr.)
	21	Maurice Stovall (6-5, 221, So.)
WR	5	Rhema McKnight (6-2, 207, So.)
	82	Matt Shelton (5-11, 177, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Kyle Budinscak (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	97	Travis Leitko (6-6, 264, So.)
DT	60	Darrell Campbell (6-4, 296, Sr.)
	77	Greg Pauly (6-6, 291, Sr.)
NG	50	Cedric Hilliard (6-2, 295, Sr.)
	66	Derek Landri (6-2, 265, So.)
DE	44	Justin Tuck (6-5, 246, Jr.)
	99	Jason Sapp (6-3, 256, Sr.)
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby (6-3, 243, Sr.)
	46	Corey Mays (6-1, 238, Jr.)
ILB	33	Courtney Watson (6-1, 234, Sr.)
	39	Brandon Hoyte (6-0. 228, Jr.)
OLB	49	Derek Curry (6-3, 241, Sr.)
	48	Jerome Collins (6-4, 250, Sr.)
CB	34	Vontez Duff (5-11, 194, Sr.)
	24	Dwight Ellick (5-10, 177, Jr.)
CB	9	Jason Beckstrom (5-10, 186, Sr.)
	15	Preston Jackson (5-9, 177, Sr.)
SS	26	Garron Bible (5-10, 197, Sr.)
	27	Lionel Bolen (6-0, 206, Jr.)
FS	19	Glenn Earl (6-1, 204, Sr.)
	8	Quentin Burrell (6-0, 180, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

PK	13	Nicholas Setta (5-11, 184, Sr.)
P	13	Nicholas Setta (5-11, 184, Sr.)

STADIUM INFO
Name: Notre Dame Stadium
Capacity: 80,795
Playing Surface: Grass

THE COACH
Tyronne Willingham, 2nd Year
Record: 10-3
Career Record: 54-39-1

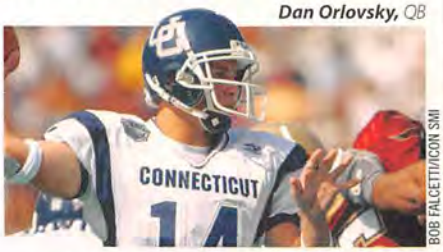
ASST. COACHES
Bill Diedrick (off. coord./QBs), **Kent Baer** (def. coord.), **Mike Denbrock** (OL/OTs/TEs), **Greg Mattison** (DL/recruiting coord.), **John McDonell** (OL/Cs/OGs), **Trent Miles** (WRs), **Buzz Preston** (RBs/STs), **Bob Simmons** (LBs), **Trent Walters** (secondary)

RATING: 2

Connecticut

HUSKIES

Dan Orlovsky, QB



BOB FALCETTI/ICON SMI

Last year's season-ending 37-20 victory at Iowa State, along with a very impressive recruiting class, has given fifth-year coach Randy Edsall and his Huskies a good deal of momentum heading into this season.

Connecticut won its final four games last season to finish 6-6 and give a solid measure of credibility to the program.

Taking the next step may rely on junior quarterback Dan Orlovsky's ability to make pain-free steps. After throwing for 2,488 yards and 19 touchdowns last season, Orlovsky sustained a fractured bone in his right foot on the very first play of spring practice. Surgery aided the healing process.

Sophomore tailback Terry Caulley will be another key piece of the Huskies' offense. He rushed for 1,247 yards and 15 touchdowns while appearing in just 10 games. Senior Shaun Feldeisen, who came to the Huskies as a walk-on but now is on scholarship, is the leading returning receiver. Jeff Fox, Billy Irwin, Brian Markowski, Ryan Krug and Grant Preston will be counted on along the offensive line.

Tyler King and Uyi Osunde are veterans at defensive end, and Sean Mulcahy has experience at tackle. Alfred Fincher and Maurice Lloyd are seasoned linebackers, while cornerback Marlon Jones and safety Terrance Smith will be vital in the secondary.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Indiana
S.6	@ Army
S.13	Boston College
S.20	@ Buffalo
S.27	@ Virginia Tech
O.4	Lehigh
O.11	@ N.C. State
O.18	@ Kent State
O.25	Akron
N.1	Western Michigan
N.8	Rutgers
N.15	@ Wake Forest

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 6-6
Official athletic Web site: www.UconnHuskies.com

THE COACH

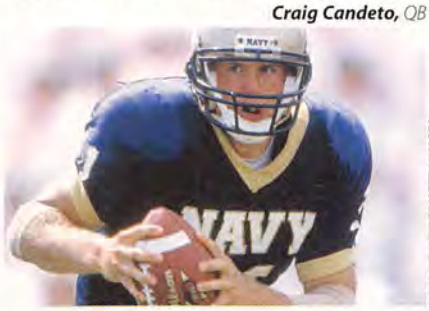
Randy Edsall, 5th Year
Record: 15-30
Career Record: 15-30

RATING: 3

Navy

MIDSHIPMEN

Craig Candeto, QB



DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

A 58-12 thumping of Army and narrow losses to Wake Forest (30-27) and Notre Dame (30-23) have convinced second-year coach Paul Johnson that it's possible to have a winning program at the Naval Academy.

Coming off a 2-10 season, the Midshipmen have enough skill-position players in place that Johnson and his staff will have a solid foundation from which to build.

Directing one of the top rushing offenses in the country, based on the principles of the option, will be senior quarterback Craig Candeto, who rushed for 775 yards and 16 touchdowns last season. Behind him will be senior slot back Tony Lane (480 rushing yards), junior slot back Eric Roberts (469 rushing, 429 receiving) and junior fullbacks Michael Brimage (291 rushing) and Kyle Eckel (510 rushing). The Midshipmen will have to replace two starters on the offensive line, but senior guard Shane Todd, junior center August Roitsch and junior tackle Nick Wilson return.

Junior safety Josh Smith and cornerbacks Vaughn Kelley, a junior, and senior Shalimar Brazier will be the key people in the secondary. Linebackers Eddie Carthan and Ben Mathews, both seniors, and junior Lane Jackson will try to make the absence of any veterans on the defensive line a little easier to deal with.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	Virginia Military
S.6	@TCU
S.20	Eastern Michigan
S.27	@Rutgers
O.4	Air Force
O.11	@Vanderbilt
O.18	@Rice
O.25	Delaware
N.1	Tulane
N.8	@Notre Dame
N.22	Central Michigan
D.6	Army

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 2-10
Official athletic Web site: www.navysports.com

THE COACH

Paul Johnson, 2nd Year
Record: 2-10
Career Record: 64-19

RATING: 4

Troy State

TROJANS

Hansell Bearden, QB

BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/ICON SMI

Reviving one of the country's worst offenses and retooling one of the best defenses in college football will be the challenge for Troy State coach Larry Blakeney, who is in his 13th season at the helm of the Trojans.

Mark Fleetwood, a former Troy State assistant, has returned to the Trojans as offensive coordinator from The Citadel. Fleetwood has several key players back from an offense that ranked 112th of 117 Division I-A teams in total offense, averaging 304 yards and 18 points a game through a 4-8 season.

Quarterback Hansell Bearden passed for 1,463 yards in 2002. His favorite receiver, Jason Samples, returns along with tailback DeWhitt Betterson, fullback Chris Cox and linemen Branden Hall and Donnie Bostian. All the returnees are juniors.

Troy State had the fourth-best defense in the country last season, yielding 277 yards a game. However, the Trojans lost five of their top six linemen. End Demarcus Ware and free safety Derrick Ansley, both juniors, will be the leaders for first-year defensive coordinator Vic Koenning, the former Wyoming head coach.

2003 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp.
A.30	@Kansas State
S.6	@Minnesota
S.13	@UAB
S.20	Southeastern Louisiana
S.27	Marshall
O.4	@Nebraska
O.18	Florida International
O.25	@Virginia
N.1	@North Texas
N.8	@Middle Tennessee St.
N.15	@Utah State
N.22	Louisiana-Monroe

TEAM INFO

2002 Record: 4-8
Official athletic Web site: www.troystate.com

THE COACH

Larry Blakeney, 13th Year
Record: 4-8
Career Record: 103-41-1

Bruce Eugene, QB, Grambling

TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE: **Bruce Eugene**, QB, Grambling
DEFENSE: **Roderick Royal**, LB, McNeese State
NEWCOMER: **Ben Dougherty**, QB, Florida A&M

I-AA TOP 25

1. Northeastern
2. McNeese State
3. Western Illinois
4. Montana
5. Grambling State
6. Georgia Southern
7. Bethune-Cookman
8. Massachusetts
9. Idaho State
10. Appalachian State
11. Fordham
12. Wofford
13. Colgate
14. Florida A&M
15. Delaware
16. Furman
17. Montana State
18. Pennsylvania
19. Western Kentucky
20. Illinois State
21. Gardner-Webb
22. Villanova
23. Stephen F. Austin
24. Alabama A&M
25. Nicholls State

Want a big surprise? How about Northeastern for a I-AA title?

By STEVE AMEDIO
Schenectady (N.Y.) Daily Gazette

When it comes to Northeastern University football, expect the unexpected. A Division I-AA national championship this season? Why not?

It's probably unexpected by most prognosticators, but the Huskies' mere rise to their first-ever appearance in the 16-team I-AA playoffs last season was about as unexpected as it gets.

Northeastern's unlikely 2002 season (10-3 overall and a national ranking that went as high as 10th late in the year) came just three seasons after a 2-9 record in 1999.

Unexpected? Heck, the Huskies were picked to finish 10th in the Atlantic 10 Conference's 11-team league in a coaches' poll prior to the season.

And, then, Northeastern went about doing the unexpected, completing a turnaround that started with the hiring of 47-year-old coach Don Brown prior to the 2000 season.

Brown began planting the seeds for improvement in his first meeting with returning players in June 2000. In a passionate speech to players that day, Brown successfully relayed his desire for wanting to change everything about the way football was approached at the school.

"We just brought in our own thought process—the way we'd go about doing things," Brown recalls. "In that first meeting, I talked about how we'd do things, about a need to run the ball and play great defense, about putting the whole thing together, and doing the things we believe in, the perseverance things."

The Huskies bought what Brown was selling. They began believing they could turn things around. Then they started to show how well Brown's system could work by winning four of their last six games in 2001.

"We were starting a true freshman (current junior Shawn Brady) at quarterback during that stretch, but we got our first win over Delaware in our history and that kind of stretch gave us the confidence that we could compete in our league," Brown says.

"We were picked to finish 10th last year, but we knew we were better than that. We talked about how low we were picked. That gave us some incentive. Mostly, though, we just picked up in 2002 where we left off the previous year."

Expect Northeastern to pick up where it left off last year, led by Brady (111-of-224 passing for 1,497 yards, 16 TDs, 6 INTs last season) and the backfield tandem of bruising 6-foot-2, 240-pounder Tim Gale and darting sophomore Anthony Riley. Gale ran 860 yards for a 5.1 average, while Riley had a team-record 940 yards rushing at a 5.4 clip. Defensively, 6-1, 245-pound junior linebacker Liam Ezekiel is among the best nationally.

"We're in uncharted waters for our program," Brown says. "Hopefully we can keep things going."

Expect Northeastern to continue to do the unexpected this season. Expect the Huskies to do even more than they did in 2002.

DIVISION I-AA ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Bruce Eugene**, jr., Grambling St.
RB—**Muhammad Abdulqaadir**, sr., Southern Illinois
RB—**Gary Jones**, sr., Albany
OL—**Dylan McFarland**, sr., Montana
OL—**Buster Ashley**, jr., Western Kentucky
OL—**Jason Whaley**, sr., Western Carolina
OL—**Chris Clark**, sr., Pennsylvania
OL—**Eric Deutsch**, sr., Wofford
TE—**Casey Cramer**, sr., Dartmouth
WR—**Tramon Douglas**, sr., Grambling
WR—**Luke Graham**, jr., Colgate
PK—**Justin Langan**, jr., Western Illinois
RS—**DaShaun Morris**, sr., Delaware State

DEFENSE

DL—**Isaac Hilton**, sr., Hampton
DL—**Jared Allen**, sr., Idaho State
DL—**Steve Baggs**, sr., Bethune-Cookman
DL—**Dennis Dottin-Carter**, sr., Maine
LB—**Roderick Royal**, sr., McNeese State
LB—**Boomer Grigsby**, jr., Illinois State
LB—**Liam Ezekiel**, jr., Northeastern
DB—**Levy Brown**, sr., Florida A&M
DB—**Kane Ioane**, sr., Montana State
DB—**Alexis Moreland**, jr., Southern Illinois
DB—**Chris Thompson**, sr., Nicholls State
P—**Mark Gould**, sr., Northern Arizona

Predictions

1. Northeastern
2. Massachusetts
3. Delaware
4. Villanova
5. Maine
6. William & Mary
7. Hofstra
8. Rhode Island
9. Richmond
10. New Hampshire
11. James Madison

Top players

Offense: **Andy Hall**, QB, Delaware
Defense: **Renaud Williams**, LB, Hofstra
Newcomer: **Terry Crenshaw**, RB, Hofstra

Games to watch

S.6 **Maine at Hofstra**
S.20 **William & Mary at Northeastern**
O.25 **Massachusetts at Villanova**
N.22 **Delaware at Villanova**

Expect Northeastern to make a I-AA title run

By CHUCK NEWMAN

If the Atlantic 10 professes to be the deepest and most competitive Division I-AA conference in the nation, it must also lay claim to being the most unpredictable. The league coaches haven't come close to forecasting the conference winner since selecting Massachusetts to win in 1998. The Minutemen went on to win the national title.

The preseason prognostications were particularly faulty last fall when **Northeastern**, a perennial also-ran, was picked to finish 10th in the 11-team league. The Huskies proceeded to tie for the A-10 title with Maine (picked second) and went two games deep into the NCAA playoffs.

Can Northeastern do it again? Since 1986, only one team (Delaware, tied for the title in 1991 and then a winner in 1992) has been able to defend the crown.

The Huskies did it all last year. They ranked second in the league in scoring defense (16 ppg), led the league in scoring offense (31 ppg), were second in rushing offense (207 yards per game) and led the league in turnover margin (plus-16).

Northeastern has the material to repeat. It has an impressive returning class, including 240-pound all-league tailback Tim Gale, who averaged over 5.3 yards a carry; all-league linebacker Liam Ezekiel, who led the league in tackles; and all-league kicker Miro Kesic, who made 10 of 16 field goal attempts and 49 of 50 extra points.

Massachusetts missed out on a playoff berth by losing two of its last three games, likely because quarterback Jeff Krohn, an Arizona State transfer who led the Pac-10 in passing efficiency in 2001, was out for two of the games with a concussion. His return, and that of tailback R.J. Cobbs, the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year (league-high 5.6 yards a carry), bodes well for an offense that usually ranks among the best in the league.

There is talent back on defense, led by second-team all-league linebacker Jeremy Cain, who had 132 tackles and 6.5 sacks.

Delaware coach K.C. Keeler, a legend at Division III Rowan (88-21-1 in nine seasons) before succeeding legendary Tubby Raymond, brought in eight transfers from I-A programs but went 4-5 in the league and 6-6 overall, losing all six of those games by a combined total of 27 points. Three of those victories were against teams that made the NCAA tourney.

The Blue Hens return 16 starters, led by quarterback Andy Hall, a transfer from Georgia Tech who threw for 1,832 yards and nine touchdowns, rushed for 863 yards and ranked third in the league in total offense with 245 yards a game.

The defense returns six regulars, including the best cornerback, Sidney Haugabrook, a second-team all-leaguer.

Villanova coach Andy Talley, who railed about not being invited to the playoffs in 2001, just made it last season and made the most of the opportunity by getting to the NCAA semifinals.

The defense, headed by strong safety Ray Ventrone and lineman Terrence Taylor, is experienced. The Wildcats lost two key receivers but retain all-conference tight end Matt Chila, a 6-3, 250-pounder who caught 34 balls for 383 yards and three TDs last fall.

Defending co-champion **Maine**, the first team in league history to reach the NCAA quarterfinals in consecutive seasons since UMass in 1998, may look to a different philosophy for success this time.

The Black Bears had the league's best defense a year ago, but lost several key components.

Junior QB Jon Meczywor, who started the season at No. 3 on the depth chart, took over because of injuries to Nos. 1 and 2 and likely will get the start this fall. The running game should be strong with the return of Marcus William (5.3 yards a carry).

The reason **William & Mary** did not live up to preseason expectations last year was quite evident: blocking, or the lack thereof. Tribe quarterbacks were sacked 40 times.

Opponents won't have second-team all-league quarterback Dave Corley to pursue. He is gone, along with his 60.8-percent completion rate and 21 touchdowns from last season. Lang Campbell, a three-sport athlete as a prep in Winchester, Va., who was the backup last year, figures to be the starter. It may be tough, but all-league wideout Rich Musinski may still threaten Jerry Rice's all-time Division I-AA receiving mark if he can get an improbable 1,500 yards. He had 58 receptions for 1,140 and nine touchdowns last season.

Defensive back appears to be a strength with the return of all-league Billy Parker.

Hofstra went into last season with the idea of rebuilding, and paid the price. It figured to take a step up this season, but how far is still problematical for a team that won its last four games but likely will have an unproven quarterback.

Incumbent Ryan Cosentino, the starter last season who threw for 2,608 yards and 15 touchdowns, decided to play baseball, so going into spring drills the job was up for grabs in an offense that demands efficiency in a complicated system.

If there are questions on offense, the defense looks solid. Returning is all-league linebacker Renaud Williams.

Rhode Island fits the profile of a team that won't get much preseason attention but could be a big surprise. Much will depend on soph Jayson Davis, who runs the Rams' complicated offense. He acquitted himself well last season by rushing for 679 yards and 11 touchdowns, but he'll have to improve on his 45-percent completion rate.

It could be a long year for **Richmond**, which must replace seven regulars on defense. That's not good news for a team that scored only 185 points in league play and 199 for the entire season.

A plus will be the return of 6-3, 275-pound all-league offensive tackle Joe Wilson, a possible All-America candidate. Virginia transfer Bryson Spinner is one quarterback candidate.

The highlight of last season for **New Hampshire** was a victory over UMass. The Wildcats lost their first four games and their last two in 2002, and this season figures to be a struggle again.

The statistics didn't lie, as UNH finished last in rushing defense, next-to-last in total defense and gave up over 31 points a game, second worst in the league in an injury-plagued year. Improvement is expected from sophomore defensive back Etienne Boulay. Linebacker, however, looks to be the strength of the team, with much of the unit returning, headed by Chris Robinson.

James Madison showed its inexperience last year with poor execution at critical times. It also had one of the league's puniest offenses, but may benefit from 51 experienced lettermen.

Grizzlies' roar sure to be heard despite loss of coach Glenn

By LOREN JORGENSEN
The (Salt Lake City) Deseret Morning News

For a time it appeared Montana might never lose another football game. The Grizzlies, after a national-championship run in 2001, had reeled off a I-AA record-tying 24 consecutive victories through 10 games last season.

Alas, the injury-riddled Grizzlies lost not once, not twice, but three times before the season was done. The two losses to end the regular season meant Montana had to share the Big Sky crown with Montana State and Idaho. Then Grizzlies coach Joe Glenn bolted, taking his coaching staff with him to Wyoming.

Still, nobody is feeling too sorry for Montana and new coach Bobby Hauck. The Big Sky championship will still run through Missoula. The Grizzlies have at least shared the conference title for five straight seasons and eight times in the past 10 years. Plus, they've gone to the I-AA playoffs 10 straight times. The 2003 team will likely continue those streaks.

Montana has 19 returning starters, and that doesn't include junior quarterback Craig Ochs, a former starter for Colorado. Ochs and senior Jeff Disney are vying for the starting QB spot in place of the graduated John Edwards, the league's Co-Player of the Year. The rest of the starting offense returns intact, led by sophomore running back J.R. Waller, who rushed for 826 yards and seven TDs last season, and receivers Levander Segars, Jon Talmage and Tate Hancock, who combined for more than 1,900 yards and 13 TDs.

The Grizzlies also return eight starters on defense, including first-team all-league tackle Blake Horgan, end Tim Bush and cornerback Vernon Smith.

Idaho State was the hottest team in the Big Sky at the end of last season, winning seven of its final eight games. Unfortunately for the Bengals, they weren't invited to the playoffs despite tying the two Montana schools for the league title. This season, Larry Lewis' team is looking to play in the postseason.

The Bengals should be tough to score against once again after giving up a league-low 17.1 points per game on average last year. Among their eight starters returning on defense are four all-league selections: linemen Jared Allen and Mark Weivoda, linebacker Josh Whitworth and back Ernie James.

Running back Isaac Mitchell, who rushed for 968 yards (5.3-yard average), returns for his senior season to lead the offense.

It had been 18 years without a playoff appearance for **Montana State** before coach Mike Kramer led the Bobcats to a piece of the league title and the automatic berth in the postseason last November. A loss to McNeese State in the first round did little to dampen enthusiasm for MSU. Bobcat fans, not surprisingly, were still giddy about their team upsetting Montana in the regular-season finale.

It will be tougher for the Bobcats to sneak up on anybody this season, but they should still be good enough to win the majority of their games. Sophomore quarterback Travis Lulay, who became a starter at midseason, has more experience and confidence. He threw for 2,064 yards and 14 scores as a freshman. Aaron Hill, who caught 47 passes for 741 yards and nine scores, will likely be Lulay's favorite target.

The Bobcats have nine returning starters from a defense that gave up just 307 yards per game. Roger Cooper, a junior linebacker and Big Sky Player-of-the-Year candidate, leads the way.

Sacramento State is a sleeper pick to win the league title, thanks in no small part to having the top returning quarterback, Ryan Leadingham. He's thrown for 5,537 yards in his two years with the Hornets. A junior, Leadingham is already the school record holder in passing yardage. The Hornets also boast an experienced offensive line anchored by center B.J. Tittlemier. Receiver/return specialist Fred Amey gives Leadingham a go-to guy. Amey caught 62 passes for 989 yards in '02.

The Hornets have several top defensive players back. Linebackers Kelly Micco and Ryan Kroeker lead the way with Eric Broden the top lineman and Camron Mbewa the team's best defensive back.

Eastern Washington ended the season on a high note, handing Montana its first loss. That allowed the Eagles to finish 6-5, giving them a string of four straight winning seasons. The Eagles will have their work cut out for them to keep the streak alive. They lost star quarterback Josh Blankenship and many other key players to graduation.

A bright spot for the Eagles is versatile sophomore Erik Kimble, who caught 45 passes for 851 yards last fall. He started out the year as a running back but was moved to receiver. He may see time as both a rusher and as a wideout this season. Tight end Tim Calhoun missed spring ball after ankle surgery, but he is expected to be ready to go for Paul Wulff's squad.

The Eagles return safety A.J. Williams and cornerbacks Isaiah Trufant and Chasen Walker, giving them a strong secondary. That's a must in the pass-happy Big Sky.

Northern Arizona, after winning four straight games early in the year, lost four of its next five and finished with a 6-5 mark.

If the Lumberjacks are to be more consistent this season it will likely be due to the offense, where 10 regulars return. Clint Womack is back at QB for his senior season. He threw for 1,950 yards and 10 scores out of NAU's pro-set a year ago. Clarence Moore was injured in the spring, but should be ready to go this fall and is expected to be one of the Big Sky's top receivers. He caught 61 passes for 925 yards and nine scores last season.

The Lumberjacks' defense is led by cornerback Ryan Thornton. NAU also returns the Big Sky's premier punter in Mark Gould.

Portland State was hit hard by graduation, so improving on its 6-5 record won't be easy. The best news it that junior running back Ryan Fuqua, an Offensive-Player-of-the-Year candidate, is back. He rushed for 1,283 yards and 10 touchdowns last fall.

Weber State coach Jerry Graybeal is looking for improvement. His team won just one league game a year ago. If the Wildcats aren't better, Graybeal may be looking for a new job. Weber State is coming off consecutive 3-8 seasons and Graybeal is just 23-32 overall in his five years in Ogden.

Experience may help the Wildcats climb out of the Big Sky cellar. They have 10 starters returning on offense, including hard-nosed junior running back Nick Chournos, who rushed for 874 yards and nine TDs last year. He'll be pushed for playing time by Utah State transfer James Samuel, who led the Aggies with 551 yards last year.

Predictions

1. Montana
2. Idaho State
3. Montana State
4. Sacramento State
5. Eastern Washington
6. Northern Arizona
7. Portland State
8. Weber State

Top players

Offense: **Ryan Fuqua**, QB, Portland State
Defense: **Roger Cooper**, LB, Montana State
Newcomer: **Craig Ochs**, QB, Montana

Games to watch

S.27 **Idaho State at Sacramento State**
O.18 **Montana at Idaho State**
O.25 **Montana State at Eastern Washington**
N.22 **Montana at Montana State**

Predictions

1. Gardner-Webb
2. VMI
3. Liberty
4. Charleston Southern
5. Coastal Carolina

Top players

Offense: **Verondre Barnes**, RB, Liberty
Defense: **Mario Williams**, DB, Gardner-Webb
Newcomer: **Aundres Perkins**, RB, Coastal Carolina

Games to watch

A.30 **VMI at Navy**
S.6 **Newberry at Coastal Carolina**
O.4 **VMI at Liberty**
O.18 **Gardner-Webb at VMI**
N.15 **VMI at The Citadel (at Charlotte, N.C.)**
N.22 **Coastal Carolina at Charleston Southern**

Gardner-Webb set to make statement to NCAA committee

By GARY McCANN
The (Rock Hill, S.C.) Herald

David Bennett is no stranger to building a winning football program, but understands the job he and his staff faces at Coastal Carolina, a school of 4,600 in Conway, S.C., that fields its first football team ever this season.

"I know we have to be ready to play," Bennett says, "but, boy, I wish we could play a year or two of club football. I don't know too many schools that will be starting a football program with just two recruiting classes."

Coastal becomes the fifth football member of the Big South Conference, a league in its second season at the I-AA level. The Chanticleers join holdovers Charleston Southern, Gardner-Webb and Liberty, plus newcomer Virginia Military, which moves over from the Southern Conference in what was a virtual trade that sent former Big South member Elon going to the Southern.

Six Big South games will be televised on The Football Network that begins operations this fall.

By 2005, the Big South hopes the NCAA will sanction its champion for automatic qualification into the I-AA playoffs.

Bennett, who hopes to have things going long before 2005 gets here, understands the expectations and says "we should be picked last" this season.

While the Chanticleers are starting from scratch, others are just reloading.

The first season of Big South football saw the **Gardner-Webb** Bulldogs dominate the fledgling league, and Steve Patton's team will be expected to do the same this fall.

After a loss in the season opener, the Bulldogs, a football-only member of the league, rambled to a 9-1 record, 3-0 in the conference, and the league's first championship. They climbed to No. 18 in the final I-AA rankings.

The only thing missing was a berth in the I-AA playoffs. The Bulldogs weren't picked for the 16-team field, one of only two teams with at least nine wins and a top 20 ranking not selected. Since joining the I-AA ranks in 2000, Patton has guided the Bulldogs to a 22-9 mark.

Strong safety Mario Williams, the league's Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore, returns to lead a unit that was No. 3 nationally in turnover margin and returns nine starters. The 6-2, 196-pound Williams averaged 12 tackles per game last year, eighth in the nation.

The middle of the defensive line must be replaced, but defensive end Jason Threat and 300-pound tackle Sidney Simmons are back.

Offensively, the Bulldogs have to replace quarterback Jeremy Martin, the league's Offensive Player of the Year, but leading rusher Chris Foster (632 yards) returns.

VMI's Keydets should make an immediate impact. Coach Cal McCombs, beginning his fifth season, led the Keydets to a 6-6 mark last year, their most wins since 1981 and first non-losing season in 20 years.

The Keydets set records for points (314), total yards (4,413) and TDs (42) in a season, but many of the players who helped produce those numbers—quarterback Joey Gibson, leading rusher John Bell, top receiver Pedro Garcia and slotback Kevin Solomon—graduated.

Josh Lyles threw only 10 passes in 2002 but is the front-runner at quarterback, and that's a big question mark..

The Keydets gave up more than 33 points a game last season and ranked last in the Southern Conference in total defense, rushing defense and passing defense. It's not good news that most of the defensive line has to be replaced and All-American punter Brent Barth is gone.

But there is strength at linebacker with 6-2, 225-pound Derik Screen, plus 6-1, 205-pound Maury Pauling and Todd Baldwin (6-2, 225).

But the best of the bunch on defense is probably 6-3, 185-pound free safety Musa Sarki, a second-team All-Southern pick.

Still, the step down to the Big South should make things easier for the Keydets.

As a sophomore, **Liberty's** 5-7, 200-pound Verondre Barnes averaged 118 yards a game and rushed for 1,304 total yards and could have challenged for Player of the Year had the Flames' record been better (2-9, 1-2 Big South).

With Barnes and 17 other starters back, Ken Karcher's team seems on the verge of something good and should be significantly better than last year's team that lost 29-22 to I-AA power Appalachian State.

Counting Barnes, eight starters return on offense, including quarterback Kyle Painter, who played seven games as a true freshman and threw for 788 yards and 10 TDs. He'll be joined by leading receiver Erick Harris and linemen Kevin Inge, Sean Boyle and Thomas Smith.

The Flames should improve dramatically on defense and need to after allowing 33 points per game in '02. Karcher returns 10 starters.

Jay Mills, former offensive coordinator at Harvard, becomes the second coach in **Charleston Southern** history, replacing David Dowd, who was 34-94 and didn't have a winning season in his 12 years. The Bucs were 0-3 in the league and 4-8 overall last year after starting the season 4-2.

The Bucs return 14 starters, including second-team All-Big South quarterback Darren Swiggett, running back Travis Mays, fullback Sheldon Evans, second-team all-league offensive linemen Bryce Gregory and Will Pulman, second-team linebacker Bowe Butler and defensive lineman Jonathan West.

Swiggett threw for more than 1,400 yards and 10 TDs, but missed spring practice following shoulder surgery. He's expected back at full strength.

The defense, which gave up 50 or more points in three of the last four games after allowing three or fewer in three of the first six, must improve quickly.

David Bennett likes the talent in his first two classes at **Coastal Carolina**, starting with 6-2, 235-pound tailback Aundres Perkins, who may be the best newcomer in the league.

Perkins, out of nearby West Florence (S.C.) High School, has 4.5 speed and power and should be a focal point for Bennett's multiple-I attack. He'll team with Ben Hampton, a 6-1, 235-pound freshman fullback, for what could be a bruising combination.

A battle is shaping up at quarterback between 6-3, 230-pound Tyler Thigpen and 6-2, 210-pound Ren McKinnon.

Bennett brought a couple of players with him from his former school, Catawba, including 6-6, 310-pound Antwan Trice, who is expected to provide some leadership in the offensive line and could challenge for all-league honors.

With Harbaugh gone, Leathernecks will fight to the top

By SEAN P. HAYDEN
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Jack Harbaugh shocked nearly everyone at Western Kentucky. Not when he led the Hilltoppers to the school's first I-AA national title last season, but when he abruptly announced his resignation on Feb. 28.

Talk about going out on top.

It didn't take the folks on the Hill long to find a replacement, as defensive coordinator David Elson was named head coach March 5. The 31-year-old Elson, who is the second-youngest coach on the Division I level, had been the longest-tenured assistant on Harbaugh's staff and was the architect for a ferocious defense that led the Hilltoppers to the national championship.

How he handles the transition, which should be pretty smooth, is one of the main story lines in the Gateway this season.

Another also involves the Hilltoppers and their growing rivalry with Western Illinois. You can bet both schools will try to be on their best behavior when they meet Oct. 4 following last season's brawl after Western Kentucky beat Western Illinois 31-28 in the I-AA playoffs. Thirteen players were suspended between the two teams for the altercation, which involved helmets being thrown and punches exchanged.

There's no controversy at Southern Illinois, just an embarrassment of riches at running back. Muhammad Abdulqaadir and Tom Koutsos, both 1,000-yard rushers, return in the backfield, along with Brandon Robinson. Hey, how about the single wing?

Watch out for **Western Illinois.**

The Leathernecks no doubt have a nasty taste in their mouths after the last-second loss to Western Kentucky in the playoffs and come into this season riled up and ready to roll.

Quarterback Russ Michna, with 23 TDs and just five interceptions, led an attack that averaged nearly 37 points per game last year, while Miami natives Attley Lawson and Travis Glasford return in the backfield after combining for nearly 1,500 yards a season ago.

The Leathernecks, as usual, will be strong defensively with linebacker Lee Russell, although there are a few holes to fill. Kicker Justin Langan and return man Reggie Gray combine to give coach Don Patterson a big edge in the special teams.

Western Kentucky claimed the Gateway's first national championship since Youngstown State in 1997 and did so in most impressive fashion, beating the top three seeds along the way.

It will be a tough encore for the Hilltoppers after losing quarterback Jason Michael, 1,500-yard rusher Jon Frazier and linebacker Sherrod Coates, the heart and soul of the defense. But one thing about the Hill—they know how to plug them in and move on.

Elson will hang his hat on defense, and why not? Linebacker Chuck Thompson is one of the league's best, while defensive backs Antonio Veals and Jeremy Chandler return to lead an opportunistic secondary.

Is there a better football name—particularly for a linebacker—than Boomer Grigsby? Nope, and there may not be a better player in the Gateway than the **Illinois State** junior linebacker. Grigsby was a Buck Buchanan Award finalist, the Gateway Defensive Player of the Year and made every All-America team. He anchors a defense that is a bit thin up front but experienced in the backfield.

Eight starters return on offense, led by quarterback Mike Souza and four in the trenches. Transfer tailback Demetrus Johnson will be given every opportunity to make his presence known.

We may have to be the first ones to admit we are ranking **Youngstown State** too low, but we'll cross that bridge if we come to it. Jon Heacock's Penguins have the key ingredient you look for in a team ready to make a move, and you can bet they are poised to return to the playoffs after missing out the past two seasons.

Like with all good teams, you start up front. Starters Nick Roberts, Will Sanders, Norris Kennedy and Josh Davis return on the offensive line, which should help soften the blow of losing second-team All-American P.J. Mays in the backfield. Sophomore Aaron Marshall started the last seven games at quarterback and went 5-2.

The offense will need to control the ball while the defense gets its feet wet. Only three starting defenders are back, including just one (Justin Dellarose) of the front seven. It's not like the Penguins will be totally inexperienced, as Heacock will be looking at some veteran reserves to step up and fill the void.

Northern Iowa is trying to shake off the disappointment of a 5-6 season. Pitch-and-catch combo Tom Petrie and Marlus Mays are back to spearhead the offense, but Adam Benge is gone after rambling for more than 1,100 yards in 2002. The Panthers will likely rely on solid junior Jim Lizzi and Michael Fiech to carry the rushing load. Mays finished just eight yards shy of a 1,000-yard receiving season. Mackenzie Hoambrecker made good on 25 of 28 field-goal attempts, giving coach Mark Farley a reliable source of points once his team gets inside the 35.

The Panthers were young on defense last year, but not this time. Eight of the top nine performers return.

How will coach Jerry Kill keep all his backs happy? That seems to be the theme at **Southern Illinois** as Abdulqaadir returns after a remarkable breakout season, all-time leading rusher Koutsos is back after a medical redshirt and the emerging Robinson will want to carry his share.

Abdulqaadir had his junior season cut short to just eight games due to injury, but still ran for 1,331 yards and 20 TDs. He averaged 6.8 yards per carry and broke the 1,000-yard plateau in just five games. Four times he was the conference's Player of the Week. He is someone to watch on a national level if given the carries.

Southern completed a dubious trifecta in 2002—last in the league in scoring defense, rushing defense and passing defense.

Quarterback Michael White highlights the returnees for **Southwest Missouri State**, but he'll have a lot of new faces around him as coach Randy Ball has to replace holes at running back and wide receiver.

Linebacker tandem Brandon Chambers and Darryl Robinson lead a defense that should improve on the 27 points per game it surrendered a season ago.

Indiana State will have to rely on its defense and emerging star Kyle Mitchell. Only a sophomore, Mitchell led the team with 11 sacks and 23 tackles for loss in '02.

Predictions

1. Western Illinois
2. Western Kentucky
3. Illinois State
4. Youngstown State
5. Northern Iowa
6. Southern Illinois
7. Southwest Missouri State
8. Indiana State

Top players

Offense: **Muhammad Abdulqaadir**, RB, S. Illinois
Defense: **Boomer Grigsby**, LB, Illinois State
Newcomer: **Detmetrius Johnson**, RB, Illinois St.

Games to watch

0.4 **Western Kentucky at Western Illinois**
0.11 **Western Illinois at Youngstown State**
0.18 **Western Kentucky at Illinois State**
0.25 **Illinois State at Youngstown State**

Predictions

1. Penn
2. Yale
3. Princeton
4. Harvard
5. Brown
6. Dartmouth
7. Cornell
8. Columbia

Top players

Offense: **Mike Mitchell**, QB, Penn
Defense: **Dante Balestracci**, LB, Harvard
Newcomer: **Ray Rochester**, LB, Dartmouth

Games to watch

0.25 **Penn at Yale**
N.15 **Yale at Princeton**
N.15 **Penn at Harvard**
N.22 **Harvard at Yale**

Penn-cil Quakers in at top

By CHUCK NEWMAN

Penn made it no contest last season, going undefeated in the Ivy League, setting records for average margin of victory at 30.1 points a game and fewest rushing yards allowed per game at 43.1. It lost only to Villanova, a team that made it to the Division I-AA semifinals.

Penn returns 15 players this season who made all-league (first or second team or honorable mention) at some level, which suggests they have a good chance to repeat.

But Quakers' coach Al Bagnoli is cautious. "We won't have a 31-point margin of victory, that probably won't happen," he says. "The bar is so high. We have a lot to live up to."

Repeating those numbers will be a reach, but the league coaches likely won't pick the Quakers to finish fourth as they did last preseason.

Heading **Penn's** cast of all-league first-team returnees is fifth-year senior quarterback Mike Mitchell, who threw for 2,803 yards and 20 touchdowns last season. There's also offensive lineman Chris Clark, placekicker Peter Veldman, who kicked nine field goals and led the league with 8.9 points a game, and linebacker Steve Lhotak, a fifth-year senior whose credentials include seven sacks in '02.

Both offensive and defensive lines are virtually intact at Penn. And where graduation has claimed a starter, there will be players who got significant playing time because of last year's one-sided wins. The secondary could be a concern, but Pat McManus, Jr. and Kevin Stefanski, both all-league honorable mentions, are returnees there.

Yale appears to have experience and talent on both sides of the ball to be a contender. Robert Carr carried the ball a league-high 236 times for 1,083 yards (4.6-yard average, second best in the league) and 10 touchdowns last season. The passing game will depend on the development of a quarterback, but returning is second-team all-league tight end Nate Lawrie, a 6-7, 265-pound target who caught 44 passes last year, and wideout Ralph Plumb, who had 55 receptions.

Quarterback Jeff Mroz is coming off a year in which he threw for more yards (1,731) than any sophomore in school history, but coaches are looking for more consistency from him.

The defense returns second-team all-leaguers in linebacker Ken Estrera and defensive back Barton Simmons, and linebacker Ben Breunig, who was second on the team in tackles, will help.

Princeton rallied to win four games in the final quarter last year and will have plenty of experience on hand this season. In addition to David Splithoff, who may share time at QB with Matt Verbit, the Tigers return running backs Jon Veach and Branden Benson. They provide a speed-power combination.

The big hurdle is replacing all-league running back Cameron Atkinson, who averaged 130 all-purpose yards a game.

The quarterback position is unsettled, but whoever ends up throwing the ball will have a prime receiver in 6-5, 190-pound B.J. Szymanski, who has big-play potential and will be a problem for the smallish Ivy defensive backs.

The Tigers appear solid and experienced on defense. Up front, all-league first-teamer Joe Weiss and second-teamer Tim Kirby are back. The defensive backfield, which helped the team lead the league in pass defense last season, returns all-league second-teamer Brandon Mueller, who had eight tackles, a sack, an interception and a pass deflection in a win over Dartmouth, and Jay McCareins, also a second-team all-league choice.

Harvard will have to challenge without its top offensive weapon, wideout Carl Morris, the two-time league MVP. His successor figures to be Rodney Byrnes, who caught 55 passes, threw a touchdown pass, ran for a TD, caught two touchdown passes and returned a kickoff for a TD in 2002.

Junior quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick, who led the team in rushing and completed 63 percent of his passes while sharing duty with the graduated Neil Rose, will run the show.

But the big story for the Crimson will be linebacker Dante Balestracci, who was third in the league with 67 tackles last season and makes teams run away from anywhere he lines up.

Brown, usually one of the league's top offensive teams, is coming off an off-year in which it scored only 135 points in league play, second lowest in the Ivy.

The Bears never seemed to recover from a 56-42 loss to Towson in a 100-degree season opener in which they led going into the fourth quarter. Following was a two-point loss to Harvard, a two-point loss to Princeton and a double-overtime loss to Cornell. They lost their first eight games before wins over Dartmouth and Columbia.

Graduation losses make the outlook iffy for this season. One big casualty is receiver Chas Gessner, who led the nation with 114 receptions and leaves with 292 catches in his career.

The return to big numbers will depend on sophomore quarterback Kyle Slager, who completed 67 percent of his passes, ranked third in league passing with 260 yards a game and third in total offense with 258 yards a start.

Dartmouth must find a successor to quarterback Brian Mann, a second-team all-leaguer who set a school record for passing yards with 2,913. He may be succeeded by sophomore Dan Shula, son of former Cincinnati Bengals coach David Shula and grandson of Hall-of-Famer Don Shula.

Whoever is throwing will have targets. Back is all-league and All-American tight end Casey Cramer, who had 72 catches for 1,017 yards last season, and wide receiver Jay Barnard, who had 83 catches and eight TD receptions. All-league fullback Scott Wedum also returns.

Cornell took some big hits from graduation as three first- or second-team all-leaguers must be replaced, especially wide receiver Keith Ferguson, who had 70 catches for 852 yards, and Nate Archer, who led all fullbacks in rushing.

Quarterback Nick Razzano, who threw for 1,556 yards before being injured in the last game last season, will be back for a fifth season. Also returning is running back Marcus Blanks, who was third in the league with 63 yards rushing per game in '02. The offensive line will be led by second-team all-league choice Kevin Boothe.

Linebacker appears to be a strong suit for the Big Red. The return of juniors Joel Sussman, who had 67 tackles, second best in the league, and Brad Kitlowski, who had 67 tackles and three sacks, will be a big factor.

Columbia will be under new management as coach Bob Shoop, a former Yale receiver and most recently a Boston College secondary coach, takes over a team that didn't win a league game last season.

The return of quarterback Stephen Hunsberger, who completed 57 percent of his passes and ranked fourth in the league with 202.3 yards a game last year, is a start.

Who'll stand up to Duquesne in the MAAC?

By STEVE AMEDIO
Schenectady (N.Y.) Daily Gazette

There is one absolute certainty about the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and one nearly as certain occurrence that can be expected this season.

The near sure thing is that Duquesne, which has won the last three league titles and has a 24-game winning streak against MAAC opponents, will continue its conference domination.

The certainty is that La Salle, which finished in a tie for seventh place last season, will finish higher than that this time. That's because only six teams are playing in the MAAC in 2003. Former conference members Canisius, St. John's and Fairfield all dropped football since the end of last season due to financial considerations.

Fewer teams, though, mean Duquesne will only be able to add five more victories to its MAAC winning streak, rather than the eight it had in 2002.

Duquesne (11-1, 8-0 MAAC) returns 13 starters from a team that was No. 1 nationally in total defense (188.0 yards allowed per contest) and scoring defense (9.6 points per game). Offensively, Duquesne was hardly a slouch, averaging 33.1 points and 406 yards per game.

Among key returning starters are two-time All-MAAC quarterback Neil Loebig, who has thrown for 4,797 yards and 51 touchdowns in his first two seasons. Loebig will have a number of talented targets, led by two-time second-team all-conference senior flanker Yardon Brantley (48 catches, 632 yards) and fellow senior wideout Randy Vulakovich (41, 442).

Second-team All-MAAC running back Mike Hilliard, a senior, rushed for 1,310 yards and a school-record-tying 14 TDs last season. Holes for him will be cleared by a pro-sized offensive line that includes junior guard Bill Chester (6-7, 315 pounds), center Robert Bowser (6-2, 270) and senior tackle Ken Chambon (6-5, 270).

Other key players back are wide receivers Kevin Murnane (49 catches, 685 yards) and Melvin Bryant (33 catches, 492 yards and 701 yards on kick returns); and linebacker Jason Zurn (86 tackles), defensive back Vernard Abrams (64) and senior defensive lineman Pat McCullough (35).

Although the Dukes' defense lost five starters to graduation, they have three returning first- or second-team All-MAAC players, led by senior tackle Philip Polony (currently second on the program's all-time sack list with 19.5), senior defensive end Ben Bailey and sophomore middle linebacker Harry Carter, the 2002 MAAC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

The strongest challenger to the Dukes' dominance will be **Saint Peter's** (6-5, 5-3), which led Duquesne 3-0 in the fourth quarter before falling 14-3 in last year's meeting.

The Peacocks have offensive firepower in senior running back Derek Clayton (116.1 yards per game last season, eighth-best nationally). It would help if senior quarterback Andre Harris, who has 15 career rushing TDs (and 641 passing yards last year) can return to his 2001 form (1,040 passing yards). Former Rutgers walk-on Heatcliff Leanor (91 yards on 21 carries), now a senior, will also play a bigger role. The offensive line returns four of five starters, led by all-league tackle Joe Ilsa (6-3, 300).

The top defenders are first-team All-MAAC end Shawn Poling (58 tackles) and second-team end pick Kevin Akimbo (46 tackles, 9 sacks), along with linebackers Justin Diomede (70 tackles) and Alfredo Pascal (79). The Peacocks also have the MAAC's best placekicker in James Galea (10-for-13 on field goals, including a school-record 45-yarder).

Expectations are also high at **La Salle** (2-9, 2-6), which has yet to finish higher than fourth since joining the MAAC in 1999, and justifiably so with the return of nine offensive starters on a unit that set 18 school records. They key returnee is sophomore quarterback Ed Marynowitz, who set five of those records himself while throwing for 2,339 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Siena (3-7, 3-5) made strides last year and could be even better this season after graduating only four starters. Defensively, the Saints are solid with senior linebacker Dan Smacchia, who was in on 125 tackles (15 for losses) and might be the best linebacker in the league. Senior defensive end Ed Pietrowski and defensive back John Logan, a transfer from Army, will also help. Offensively, the Saints are led by senior quarterback Chris Karolus (808 passing yards in '02), whose favorite target is senior Pat McCormick (18 catches). Sophomores Pat Heenan (318 yards) and Sal Jeraci (268) were last season's top rushers.

Iona (5-6, 4-4) also has reason to be optimistic with the return of eight offensive and six defensive starters. Leading the way is 6-3, 250-pound senior defensive end Kevin Fales, probably the best at his position in the MAAC. Other strong defensive players are junior defensive back Frank Meade (4 INTs) and senior linebacker Jesse Oriol. On offense, the Gaels have solid senior Billy Brieden (1,387 passing yards at QB) and senior wide receiver Dennis Calacione (20 catches, 401 yards).

Marist (7-4, 5-3) should fall farther than any league team after graduating 30 seniors, including its top two quarterbacks and much of its offensive line. The Red Foxes are hopeful for the return of running back Alfredo Riullano (896 rushing yards), who was a senior last season but has another year of eligibility remaining. Defensively, linebacker John Healy and defensive back Aubrey Bennett, both seniors, are solid, but Marist will be the MAAC's youngest team by far.

Predictions

1. Duquesne
2. Saint Peter's
3. La Salle
4. Siena
5. Iona
6. Marist

Top players

Offense: **Neil Loebig**, QB, Duquesne

Defense: **Dan Smacchia**, LB, Siena

Newcomer: **John Logan**, DB, Siena

Games to watch

S.6 **Iona at Siena**

S.18 **Saint Peter's at Duquesne**

S.18 **Duquesne at Marist**

O.18 **Iona at Saint Peter's**

Predictions

1. Albany
2. Stony Brook
3. Sacred Heart
4. Wagner
5. Central Connecticut State
6. Robert Morris
7. Monmouth
8. St. Francis (Pa.)

Top players

Offense: **Gary Jones**, RB, Albany
Defense: **Chad King**, Stony Brook
Newcomer: **Uli Delgado**, QB, Albany

Games to watch

S.27 **Sacred Heart at Albany**
O.28 **Sacred Heart at Robert Morris**
O.25 **Albany at Stony Brook**
N.1 **Stony Brook at Sacred Heart**

Great Danes to show their gridiron bite once again

By STEVE AMEDIO
Schenectady (N.Y.) Daily Gazette

A year ago, the University at Albany opened slowly by dropping a 45-7 decision at 2001 I-AA national champion Montana and, then, spent the rest of the season showing it could dominate at its own level.

The Great Danes (8-4) lost just one Northeast Conference game (a 24-20 decision at Stony Brook) and outscored their other six league opponents by more than 100 points (184-78).

They had the eighth-best rushing offense nationally and the 23rd-highest scoring offense. They not only captured the NEC's regular-season title but also won the ECAC Football Classic with a 24-0 victory over Duquesne in a postseason showdown with the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's regular-season champ.

Fifteen starters return, which means this: New year, same dominating Danes, who open against national-title contender Northeastern.

The biggest loss at **Albany** is all-purpose quarterback Ryan Roeder, the NEC's most accurate passer (61.5 percent) last year. But there's a strong replacement available in athletic Uli Delgado, a transfer from Colgate who seems a perfect fit for the multidimensional style veteran coach Bob Ford looks for at the position.

Otherwise, the Danes are well-stocked in the backfield with senior tailback Gary Jones, (1,509 rushing yards, 23 TDs last year), the NEC's Offensive Player of the Year in 2002. Jones will work behind a veteran offensive line that includes first-team all-conference tackles Geir Gudmundson (6-6, 310 pounds) and Mike Laroche (6-4, 270).

Other offensive weapons are fullback Jon George (642 rushing yards) and flanker Matt Crudo (37 catches for 478 yards). Defensively, tackles David Parks and Matt Kryzense lead the way.

Stony Brook (8-2, 5-2) had more overall wins than any conference team last year, winning its last five games. The Sea Wolves should pick up where they left off. While they will contend with Albany for the top spot, they'll do it entirely differently from the Danes.

Stony Brook wins games with defense (no opponent scored more than 20 points against it last year). Among the key defenders will be senior cornerback Chad King, who tied the NEC record with seven interceptions last season, and junior corner Ernie Williams. The Wolves, however, need to replace graduated quarterback Scott Bard (probably with junior T.J. Moriarty), but they have solid returning rushers in senior Ken Lockhart and junior Rod Williams (each gained 428 yards in '02).

Sacred Heart has a 28-3 record over the last three years, but all three losses came last season (7-3, 5-2). The Pioneers aren't likely to be unbeaten again, but they could duplicate last year's mark. Back are most of the key offensive pieces, including productive running backs Ed Pricolo (418 rushing yards), a sophomore, and senior Jason Bonadies (397). Also back is senior QB Joe Kroells, last year's NEC leader in passing yards (1,627). He welcomes back his second-best target from a year ago, senior Marlon Ward (29 catches, 533 yards).

Defensively, Sacred Heart has lost plenty, but senior defensive backs Brian Pawlowski (11 career INTs) and Pete Athens (50 tackles last year) are among the NEC's best.

Wagner (7-4, 4-3) only allowed 13 touchdowns in 11 games last season, but needs to find some replacements after losing its top three defenders and six of its top eight tacklers from a year ago. Back are senior linemen John Harrison and Franklin Bright, along with junior defensive back Truesun Thoams. The Seahawks' offense is in the capable hands of returning junior quarterback David Bateman (987 yards, 50.7 completion percentage), senior running back Chris Davis (740 rushing yards) and junior receiver Shaun Grover (34 catches, 454 yards).

Central Connecticut State (5-6, 3-4) finished with its best single-season victory total since 1997, and could threaten that mark again, although it will need to replace graduated tailback Major Cole's 1,413 yards rushing.

Quarterback Scott Dolch (1,121 passing yards) returns along with his top three targets—juniors Nick Dresko (26 catches, 304 yards), Alex Ilic (19, 266) and senior Brian Frederick (18, 232)—and 6-1, 290-pound senior offensive lineman Anthony Almeida. Defensively, junior cornerback Chris Blackshear matched the NEC record with seven interceptions last season.

Robert Morris (3-7, 2-5) needs to have some young players emerge after its first losing season since 1998, but the potential is there. Sophomore QB Andrew Geyer stepped up late last year to complete 54.7 percent of his throws in five games. He'll get offensive help from junior running back Develand Campbell (406 rushing yards), junior tight end Rupert Richards (30 catches) and junior receiver Stephen McNair (28). Defensively, the team's top five tacklers from last year return, led by junior linebacker James Noel (108 tackles).

The 2002 season endured by **Monmouth** (2-8, 2-5) matched its worst ever, but three of those losses were by a single point and the Hawks appear to have enough back to start moving forward again. Junior defensive back Joe Billups is the key returnee for a defense that was 20th nationally in total defense (276.9 yards allowed per game) on the I-AA level last season. The top offensive players are senior quarterback Bill Rankin, sophomore receiver Dennis Carriero and sophomore running back Joe Migliore (541 rushing yards), last season's NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year.

St. Francis (2-8, 1-6) snapped a 26-game conference losing streak, beating Robert Morris in its final game, and there may be more to come. Senior tailback Michael Hall provides strong offense (878 rushing yards), having averaged 154.3 yards over the Red Flash's final three games. He'll run behind senior offensive lineman Brad Larson. Sophomore linebacker Michael Craig and sophomore defensive lineman Bobby Miller-Mitchell are key defenders.

Matt Crudo, *WR*

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Southeast Missouri could be an unlikely champ

by C.L. BROWN
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If the meek shall inherit the earth, the Ohio Valley Conference appears to be the first stop. In a season of several changes, the biggest should come at the top of the conference standings.

Southeast Missouri, which has had just one winning season since joining the league in 1991, has all the tools in place to win its first OVC title.

The Indians, who have only been playing NCAA Division I-AA football a little more than a decade, served notice last season while finishing tied for third with their first eight-win season since 1969.

Tennessee Tech hasn't won a conference title since 1975, but with nearly its entire offense returning, the Golden Eagles are also poised to be a strong contender.

The league schedule will be a bit more grueling with the addition of Samford and Jacksonville State. The OVC will have an eight-game schedule for the first time since 1996.

The conference is hoping for changes in its postseason results. The OVC has not had a current member school make it past the first round of the playoffs since Eastern Kentucky in 1994.

Southeast Missouri (8-4 overall, 4-2 OVC) has had a mediocre football existence since it made the leap from NCAA Division II ball in 1991. But this is its year of redemption. Building off its first winning season in eight years—which earned SEMO a first-ever ranking in the final Top 25 polls—the Indians are strong enough to capture their first OVC title.

Coach Tim Billings, entering his fourth season, finally has his offensive scheme ingrained and is equipped with the right players to run it. The Indians averaged 39 points against OVC competition last season, including their 48-24 win over new member Samford. Quarterback Jack Tomco led the league in passing efficiency last season and has eight other offensive starters back with him.

The Indians return nine starting defenders, including leading tackler Ricky Farmer at linebacker.

Like the Indians, **Tennessee Tech** (5-7, 2-4) finished last season with three straight wins and the momentum should carry over into this year. The Golden Eagles ranked second in the conference in total defense and return five from that unit.

Not usually known for its offense, Tech won't have any excuse for not scoring points this season. The Golden Eagles return nine offensive starters, including their entire offensive line.

Along with a solid wall to operate behind, TTU returns a 2,000-yard passer and 1,000-yard rusher for the first time in school history. Robert Craft led the league in yards per completion (14.5) as a sophomore. Jason Ballard finished with exactly 1,000 rushing yards.

Murray State (7-5, 5-1) made a late-season run to capture a share of its first OVC title since it won back-to-back in 1995 and 1996. For the Racers to repeat this season, they will have to piece together an offensive line.

All of their four offensive starters returning are at the skill positions. Then again, that may help the Racers get off to a running start. Stewart Childress enters his fourth season as the starting quarterback, and he'll have three of his top receivers back, including Deandre Green, who led the Racers with 69 catches for 1,002 yards and six touchdowns.

Defensively, the Racers return six starters from an improved unit that ranked third in the conference in total defense. The addition of Michael Haney, a transfer from Indiana University, should be an instant boost at cornerback.

Coach Danny Hope make have the toughest job in the league at **Eastern Kentucky** (8-4, 4-2) this season. The former Colonel returned to his alma mater as the successor to legendary coach Roy Kidd. And he will face the toughest schedule in the league, with two Division I-A opponents as well as matches with I-AA power Appalachian State and the defending I-AA champions at in-state rival Western Kentucky.

Hope, who was an assistant at the University of Louisville the past four seasons, brought a spread offense to the Colonels. And U of L transfer Adam Ellis might be the quarterback to run it. Ellis and Massachusetts transfer Matt Guice are in a close battle for the starting job.

Terry Ennis looks to be the featured back after 1,000-yard rusher C.J. Hudson was dismissed from the team pending legal troubles. Ennis rushed for more than 800 yards last season, which was seventh in the OVC.

The conference dark horse could be newcomer **Jacksonville State** (5-6). The Gamecocks took their bruises last season in the rugged Southland Conference, but owned an upset of Northwestern State, which was ranked No. 3 at the time.

With five offensive starters, including quarterback Anthony Mayo, and its top two tacklers among six defensive starters back, JSU could make some noise. It also boasts junior Richie Rhodes, a two-time All-American who is perhaps the best punter in the nation.

The offensive machine known as quarterback Tony Romo has departed from **Eastern Illinois** (8-4, 5-1), and its run of three straight playoff appearances is likely gone with him. The quarterback who won an unprecedented three OVC Player-of-the-Year awards leaves the Panthers without a lot to build on.

Ironically, the team that led the OVC in total offense and scoring offense last season may be a defensive team this season. All-America linebacker Nick Ricks heads a unit with six returning starters. The senior was the conference's Defensive Player of the Year last season.

Tennessee State (2-10, 1-5) has struggled to regain its swagger since winning back-to-back conference titles in 1998 and 1999. Experience should help the Tigers this season, as they return their top two quarterbacks, Dwayne Buchanan and Riley Walker.

Samford (4-7) played as an independent last season and went 1-4 against OVC teams. The Bulldogs' lone win came in a 41-10 blowout against Tennessee-Martin. Cortland Finnegan is perhaps the best kickoff-return man in the nation. He averaged 32.3 yards per return last season and was named the Special-Teams Player of the Year for I-AA independents.

Tennessee-Martin (2-10, 0-6) spent another winless season in conference play, running its winless streak in league games to 42. New coach Matt Griffin, who was an assistant at UTM in 1998, now has the unenviable task of trying to turn the program around after replacing Sam McCorkle.

Predictions

1. Southeast Missouri
2. Tennessee Tech
3. Murray State
4. Eastern Kentucky
5. Jacksonville State
6. Eastern Illinois
7. Tennessee State
8. Samford
9. Tennessee-Martin

Top players

Offense: **Jack Tomco**, QB, Southeast Missouri
Defense: **Nick Ricks**, LB, Eastern Illinois
Newcomer: **Matt Guice/Adam Ellis**, QB, EKU

Games to watch

S.6 **Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky**
S.20 **Eastern Kentucky at Western Kentucky**
S.27 **Murray State at Tennessee Tech**
O.25 **Murray State at Southeast Missouri**
N.8 **Jacksonville State at Samford**
N.15 **Southeast Missouri at Tennessee Tech**

Predictions

1. Fordham
2. Colgate
3. Lehigh
4. Lafayette
5. Towson
6. Bucknell
7. Georgetown
8. Holy Cross

Top players

Offense: **Javarus Dudley**, WR/KR, Fordham
Defense: **Dan McGrath**, S, Fordham
Newcomer: **Rocky Brown**, WR/KR, Towson

Games to watch

S.13 **Fordham at Lehigh**
O.25 **Fordham at Lafayette**
N.8 **Lehigh at Colgate**
N.15 **Fordham at Colgate**
N.22 **Lafayette at Lehigh**

Fordham is bringing football back in Bronx

By Ed Laubach
Easton (Pa.) Express-Times

Fordham's makeover from a sorry football program—two winless teams, three one-win seasons and four head coaches in the 1990s—to Patriot League champion and berth in the Division I-AA playoff quarterfinals was complete last year. The Rams improved from 0-11 in 1999 to 3-8, 7-4 and 10-3 last fall, and Dave Clawson was named repeat winner of the league's Coach of the Year award.

The turnaround was about making football important in the Bronx, recruiting better talent and charting a course and staying with it. But there was more.

"Last year we were good, but we were lucky," Clawson says, referring to several front-line players avoiding injuries.

The hallmark game was a 40-31 victory over Colgate on Sept. 14 that served as the tie-breaker for the I-AA playoff berth after the teams tied for the regular-season championship. The victory was an eye opener for the Rams.

"It was like, 'Hey, we can do this,'" Clawson recalls. "It gave our kids tremendous confidence because we have so much respect for Colgate."

Clawson says, Fordham no longer is a team its opponents can look past. "It's a game teams will have circled and starred on the calendar. We're the hunted, and the question becomes, 'How do we handle success?'"

Clawson's club will find out soon enough because at least four other teams think they have what it takes to represent the league in the postseason. Colgate hasn't finished worse than second in coach Dick Biddle's seven seasons; Lehigh considers last year's drop to fourth place a mirage; Lafayette returns plenty of offensive fireworks; and Towson has the potential to win it all in its final season before leaving for the Atlantic 10 Conference.

"It depends," Lehigh coach Pete Lembo says, "on whether Towson's 'A' or 'B' team shows up."

Towson knocked off Lehigh last season, only to lose at home to sixth-place Georgetown.

Fordham is reaping the fruits of having veteran players on the field.

"We won four games last year in the fourth quarter," Clawson says. "If we lose those games, we're a 6-5, 5-6 team. It's not as if we dominated teams. We have yet to beat Lehigh."

The Mountain Hawks handed Fordham its only league defeat. You know the Rams are in great shape when one of their biggest challenges is replacing all-league punter and placekicker Matt Fordyce.

Colgate coach Dick Biddle bristles at the suggestion that his Red Raiders were a second-place team last year. Colgate shared the league championship with Fordham, but the early-season loss to the Rams cost Biddle's club the automatic berth in the I-AA playoffs. He considers his Raiders champions, and fully expects to be back on top again.

Colgate was No. 1 in many team categories in the Patriot, including rushing offense, total defense, kickoff-return yardage, turnover margin and fewest sacks allowed.

An 8-4 season would be considered a success by most schools, but at **Lehigh**, which had won or shared the last four league championships, a fourth-place finish was not what the Mountain Hawks—or coach Pete Lembo—had in mind.

The Hawks, plugging in new starters at four offensive line positions and three in the secondary, clearly expect to bounce back.

Lembo was never able to get comfortable with a quarterback in 2002. He has six in the program now. Three played last season, including Chad Schwenk, who transferred two years ago from Rutgers and whose job it is to lose.

Lafayette has moved from the bottom to the middle of the league in coach Frank Tavani's three years. Next is going from the middle to the top.

Scoring points should not be a problem for the Leopards. The Patriots' Rookie of the Year in 2000, quarterback Marko Glavic, will throw to wideout John Weyrauch, the league's third-leading receiver last season. The Leopards received good news when defensive end Casey McKeen was granted a fifth year as a medical redshirt. Other defenders to watch are tackles Greg Gibbs and Pat Brown, who led the team with five sacks.

Going from captain as a player to assistant coach to head coach at **Towson**, Gordie Combs has been with Tiger football nearly every step of the way—from back-to-back nationally ranked teams as an independent in the early 1990s to the current season, the team's seventh and last in the Patriot League. The Tigers will play in the Atlantic 10 next year and, in four years, Combs says, will have the full I-AA complement of 63 players on scholarship.

Dramatic change was the order of the offseason at **Bucknell**, where earlier this year 55-year-old coach Tom Gadd died of brain cancer. Former St. Mary's (Calif.) coach Tim Landis, familiar with most Patriot League teams from his years as the head man at ex-member Davidson, came in with all new schemes, including a radically different offense, the spread option. The focus becomes versatile quarterback Daris Wilson, a wide receiver pressed into three starts at quarterback late last season.

He will be asked to run the ball in a triple-option attack with the fullback, sophomore Blamah Sarnor, being the focus of the running game. The fullback in this offense must have the whole package: enough speed to break big runs and the size and durability to take a pounding. The fullback frequently takes hits without the ball.

Georgetown coach Bob Benson would feel much better if he didn't have to break in a new quarterback. The starter will come from a young Andrew Crawford, who appeared in four games last year, Keith Schroeder and Justin Martin. The Hoyas return seven offensive starters, including tailback John Sims and their top two wideouts, Luke McArdle and Walter Bowser.

Nine starters are back defensively, including linebackers Andrew Clarke and William Skultety.

Holy Cross has fallen on lean times of late, with nine losing seasons in its last 10 since dominating the league with championship teams in five of its first six years as a member. That coach Dan Allen was forced to take a leave at midseason last year for undisclosed medical reasons has not helped the cause. The Crusaders lost five of their last six games, finishing seventh in total defense and sixth in total offense. Allen is back and his cupboard is far from bare, with talented wide receiver/kick returner Ari Confesor returning to the offense and nine of last year's starters on defense back.

Is this the year the Eagles fly higher than the Flyers?

By SEAN P. HAYDEN
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Let's see. Butler, Dayton, San Diego, Austin Peay, Valparaiso. Come to think of it, this would be an awesome basketball conference.

However, we're talking football here and, when it comes to the Pioneer League, seemingly all of the members struggle to achieve the notoriety of their hoops brethren.

Dayton may be the lone exception.

Fortunate to be situated in football-crazy and talent-rich Ohio, and doubly fortunate to have Mike Kelly running the show, the Flyers dominate the league year after year.

Last year, they finished 10-1 overall and, in the inaugural season of two-division play, won the PFL's first official championship game by storming into Morehead State and emerging with a 28-0 win.

NORTH DIVISION

Dayton lost All-American safety Mark Kasmer, but don't expect the Flyers to surrender much more than the 10-plus points a game they did last season. Dayton football is built on defense and a strong running game.

To that end, efficient quarterback Kelly Spiker returns to run the show.

There's a lot to replace, but the Flyers always seem to have the depth.

San Diego coach Kevin McGarry earned the North Division's Coach-of-the-Year honors last season, and rightfully so after leading the Toreros to a 3-1 league record.

Expect USD to be right back near the top this year as its fine quarterback, Eric Rasmussen, returns.

Defensively, the Toreros need to figure out a way to get to the quarterback more often.

Opponents couldn't wait to get their mitts on **Valparaiso** last season. The porous defense overshadowed the prolific season of quarterback David Macchi. A returning senior, Macchi broke the school's single-season yardage and touchdown records. His favorite target, junior wideout Rob Giancola, is also back.

Second-year coach Kit Cartwright had a fine first season at **Butler**, leading the Bulldogs to a 4-6 mark overall and a 2-2 record. He'll have to rely on some young and untested players to get the Bulldogs back in the race again this year.

One player to keep an eye on is junior receiver Justin Campbell, the league's top kick-return specialist. Butler will try to get the ball in his hands any way it can.

There's work to be done at **Drake**. Ira Vandever has graduated and taken his 3,200 passing yards and 32 TDs with him. Even with the record-setting Vandever, the Bulldogs were only 5-6 (1-3 PFL) last season, thanks mainly to a defense that ranked near the bottom of the league.

SOUTH DIVISION

Morehead State turned in an outstanding season, winning the South Division and appearing in the PFL Championship Game last year. And there's plenty more where that came from.

Senior quarterback David Caudill is one of the league's top signal-callers.

Where the Eagles will get you, however, is on defense. Morehead led the league in total defense, ranked first in pass defense, second in rush defense and second only to Dayton in scoring defense.

Davidson was hit hard by graduation, losing six all-conference selections. One of those was QB Paul Nichols, who threw for 25 TDs and only 10 picks last year.

The Wildcats won't be in too bad a shape, though, as their top two backs, juniors Christian Hunt and John Leverett, are back. Top wideout Barrett Johnson also returns.

All-American Jay Bailey is gone, leaving a huge void in the **Austin Peay State** backfield. Somehow, the Governors have to replace his nearly 1,700 rushing yards and 18 TDs. Most likely, sophomore Quea Williams will inherit most of Bailey's 26 carries per game.

There's also a new face on the sidelines as Carroll McCray takes over for Bill Schmitz.

McCray will start with a decent offensive line. Avery Fleming earned All-PFL South distinction last season and junior Adam Rector was an honorable-mention selection. Senior defensive end Joe Bell could be poised for a breakout year.

The **Jacksonville** Dolphins took their lumps last season in a youth movement and, unless line play on both sides of the ball solidifies, it could be another so-so season for coach Steve Gilbert.

Mike Sturgill broke nearly every Jacksonville passing record last season as a freshman, but won't have All-American Jon Turner to throw to anymore. As many as seven incoming freshmen will have a chance at playing time up front—not a good indicator.

Charles Byrd, *DB, Morehead State*

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Predictions

NORTH
1. Dayton
2. San Diego
3. Valparaiso
4. Butler
5. Drake

SOUTH
1. Morehead State
2. Davidson
3. Austin Peay State
4. Jacksonville

Top players

Offense: **Eric Rasmussen,** QB, San Diego
Defense: **Charles Byrd,** DB, Morehead State
Newcomer: **Nick Reid,** RB, Valparaiso

Games to watch

O.19 **Davidson at Morehead State**
N.8 **San Diego at Dayton**
N.8 **Valparaiso at Butler**
N.22 **PFL Championship Game**

Predictions

1. Georgia Southern
2. Appalachian State
3. Wofford
4. Furman
5. The Citadel
6. Western Carolina
7. Elon
8. East Tennessee State
9. Chattanooga

Top players

Offense: **Chaz Williams**, QB, Georgia Southern
Defense: **Michael Spicer**, DE, Western Carolina
Newcomer: **Grant Brigham**, WR, Furman

Games to watch

S.20 **Georgia Southern at Wofford**
O.11 **Appalachian State at Furman**
O.18 **Georgia Southern at Appalachian State**
N.8 **Furman at Georgia Southern**

VMI departs and Elon arrives—but nothing changes GSU's dominance

By STAN OLSON
The Charlotte Observer

Maybe Virginia Military Institute picked the wrong time to leave. VMI, for so long the Southern Conference's punching bag, is now gone, opting for what it sees as the more manageable Big South Conference. But the Keydets' departure comes in the wake of a 6-6 season that included three league victories. VMI had won a total of three SC games in the five previous years.

But the Keydets, who had been playing SC football since 1924, are gone now. And Elon jumped eagerly from the Big South to replace them.

Doesn't seem like a great trade at first glance, since Elon—formerly the Fighting Christians and now the Phoenix—has only been playing Division I-AA football since 1997. But Elon, actually North Carolina's second-largest private university after Duke, has been making good progress, and will field NCAA-sanctioned teams in 16 sports. And despite the fact that the Phoenix's 4-7 record last season included an 0-3 mark against SC teams, it should be a bit more competitive in the long run than VMI.

The addition of the Phoenix keeps the league at nine football-playing members, and only one steps into 2003 with a new coach.

Coach Mike Sewak took over for Paul Johnson last season and **Georgia Southern** promptly went 7-1 in the league and 11-3 overall. With 14 starters returning, look for more of the same.

Quarterback Chaz Williams, who continually improved a year ago, finished with an SC-leading 1,422 rushing yards, a league mark for a QB. He triggers a ground-oriented offense that also features sophomore Jermaine Austin.

The defense loses All-American tackle Freddy Pesqueira, but a bunch of juniors will keep the wall from cracking.

The Eagles are one of just three SC teams that return their starting quarterbacks, a huge advantage. But **Appalachian State**, which lost all-star QB Joe Burchette, at least has experience at the position. Richie Williams played while Burchette was recovering from preseason surgery, and showed passing (220 yards) and rushing (180) ability. Williams is talented enough to lead the Mountaineers into the I-AA playoffs for the sixth straight season under coach Jerry Moore, the SC's all-time winningest coach (115-55).

The biggest problem on defense is also the line, where most of the big guys are gone.

If the Apps' linemen develop, they'll finish ahead of **Wofford**, although the Terriers—left out of last year's I-AA playoffs despite a 9-3 record—feel they have something to prove. They also have their QB back in Jeff Zolman, who orchestrated a potent ground attack (342.2-yard-per-game average) and could also throw when necessary (41-for-73 for 476 yards). He'll hand the ball to J.R. McNair, who gets the starring role after gaining 707 rushing yards as a backup a year ago.

But Wofford won with defense in 2002, surrendering a league-low 270.4 yards per game. That bunch lost four all-league performers, but retains sturdy linebackers Chase Corn and Teddie Whitaker. Senior free safety Matt Nelson steadies the unit, and punter Jimmy Miner kicks coach Mike Ayers' Terriers out of trouble.

Furman has finished among the league's top three in each of the past four years and could do so again if the Paladins can find a capable replacement for super-accurate QB Billy Napier. Junior Bo Moore, the team's punter and last year's backup signal-caller, looked good in the spring, but Jeremiah Van Dora could challenge.

Hindley Brigham (762 rushing yards) and Lamar Rembert (474) will share the work at tailback, and three juniors (Isaac West, Brian Bratton and TE Willis Sudderth) will provide Moore with quality targets.

Seven starters return from a solid defensive unit that didn't overpower anyone (8 sacks). Expect second-year coach Bobby Lamb's Paladins to be in every game they play, but not to catch Georgia Southern.

The Citadel was considerably better than its 1-7 league mark of a year ago, losing four SC games by four or fewer points. Now the pieces are in place to turn those scores around. Quality QB Jeff Klein is gone, and James Reiter or Justin Hardin will have to step up to replace him. But there's plenty for the winner to work with, including an O-line that returns all five starters, potent running back Nehemiah Broughton and the best wideout in the league, Alvin "Scooter" Johnson.

While the league's upper echelon may be out of reach, second-year coach Kent Briggs has **Western Carolina** (5-6, 3-5 SC) moving in the right direction. The Catamounts were competitive against a tough schedule a year ago, and finished by winning two of their last three. They also have some experience at QB, with Brian Gaither (1,031 passing yards) taking the reins after splitting time last season with the departed Pat Cilento.

Western will score, but the key to a step forward is the defense, which allowed 425.4 yards a game last season. Part of the problem was injuries, particularly in the secondary.

Elon, the new kid on the SC block, should fit right in with its ground-oriented offense. The Phoenix averaged 223 rushing yards a year ago, 15th in I-AA. Its new league smiles on such conservative tactics; Georgia Southern and Wofford finished one-two in the division's rushing ranks.

Veteran coach Al Seagraves hopes to improve a 4-7 record with a clutch of key returnees, including quarterback C.W. Singletary and last year's leading rusher, Rashaud Palmer.

We picked **East Tennessee State** to finish second a year ago. The Bucs wound up 2-6 in the family, 4-8 overall. The problem was an offense that self-destructed, averaging a league-low 13.9 points and allowing 41 sacks. The team's top two QBs are gone, and coach Paul Hamilton is casting about for reinforcements.

The defense is the team's strength, led by a secondary that features two All-SC picks from last year, strong safety Gerald Sensabaugh and cornerback Tony Tiller.

It's all in who you know, which is part of why Rodney Allison is **Chattanooga's** new coach. The Mocs' athletic director is Steve Sloan, who coached Allison when the latter played quarterback at Texas Tech. So much for old friends; now the new guy has to produce.

Expect the Mocs (2-10, 2-6) to continue their passing ways, since quality receivers Jason Jones (57 catches) and Jeremy Grier (46) return, along with wideout Kwento Ikwuezunma, who was injured last season after a promising 2001. Senior Justin Barnes, who made several starts last year, should open at QB.

McNeese State Cowboys will ride tall in the offensive saddle again–and defense will be a 'Royal' pain

By BILL SMITH

The Southland Conference drops one team (Jacksonville State) and prepares to welcome in another (Southeastern Louisiana) soon. Despite the shuffle, things remain unchanged at the top, where McNeese State continues to dominate the league. Returning the only 1,000-yard rusher and almost all its starters from a team that made it to the I-AA championship game in 2002, the Cowboys are as close to a lock to win as the SLC can produce.

McNeese managed something special in the upset-oriented SLC—an undefeated championship at 6-0—but the 12-game season in 2003 adds more than an extra game to the schedules. For cash-strapped I-AA programs, the potential for a second money game might bring on unexpected injuries. Herein lies a huge advantage for McNeese. Second in the nation in Division I-AA attendance, the Cowboys plan 11 games and an extra open date. The rest could prove the difference.

If the Cowboys falter, quarterbacks will determine who steps in. Stephen F. Austin has the proven man in Zeke Dixon. Northwestern and Nicholls have question marks rather than established QBs.

McNeese State didn't have the best offense or defense in the SLC, but coach Tommy Tate has the best total package. Virtually the entire defense returns, led by All-American linebacker Roderick Royal and free safety Rod Gulley, a two-time SLC Player of the Week. It makes replacing the league's Player of the Year, All-American safety Hadley Prince, almost seem easy.

The Cowboys have the best backfield in the SLC with Offensive-Player-of-the-Year Vick King (216 carries, 1,103 yards, 9 TDs) at tailback and first-team All-SLC Luke Lawton (406 yards rushing) at fullback. Toss in a junior second-team All-SLC quarterback in Scott Pendarvis (2,050 yards passing, 11 TDs) and the postseason heroics of his backup Ryan Corcoran, and the only person who could stop the Cowboys from another run deep into the I-AA playoffs is the trainer. An injury-free MSU might go the final step to win it all for the SLC for the first time in over a decade.

At this pace, Tate (29-10 in his first three seasons in Lake Charles) might be hard for the Cowboys to hold.

At **Stephen F. Austin**, coach Mike Santiago builds his Lumberjacks from the outside in on defense and the inside out on offense. Losing three offensive linemen from a 6-5 team puts a priority on getting players to join returning second-team All-SLC senior tackle David Phillips (6-5, 305 pounds) to protect SFA's young quarterback, Dixon. The 6-2, 210-pound sophomore led the league's most productive passing offense with 222 yards a game and a 130.5 efficiency rating. After running up 50-plus points twice last season, Dixon, with a year's experience, should smooth out the ride.

For SFA to move up, its defense must prevent games from becoming scoring contests. The return of Brent Hafford and David Crocker at safety starts the process, but Santiago needs to find replacements up the middle for linebacker Aubry Brisendine and lineman Walker Molinare.

Any coach who gets **Nicholls State** into the top half of the league deserves Coach of the Year, and Daryl Daye more than earned his honor. In the previous three seasons, Nicholls combined to win just six games. The 7-4 mark last year got Daye and the Colonels within a victory of the postseason.

Quarterback Josh Son guided an efficient run-oriented offense. The 6-2 senior was fifth in the league in rushing (161 carries, 642 yards, 7 TDs). Son missed spring practice for a second time in his career after knee surgery, so his status for the fall determines whether the nation's No. 8 rushing offense rolls again. If Son can't go the distance, Yale Vannoy steps in at QB, with more pressure on second-team all-conference fullback junior Colt Colletti (384 rushing yards, 2 TDs).

Grinding out yards and grinding down the clock with Son made the Colonels' defense stronger. Senior linebackers Pendarvis Morris and James Miller hold the middle. First-team All-SLC corner Chris Thompson returns.

In a conference known for offense, losing eight defensive starters and one quarterback can be deadly. Coach Scott Stoker's priority during spring practice at **Northwestern State** was filling the gaps, but he has faith that his explosive offense, built around first-team All-SLC sophomore running back Derrick Johnese, can make up almost any deficit. The Demons proved it last year with 18 points in 71 seconds to upset arch-rival SFA, 42-35. This season, Stoker is putting his high-octane offense in the hands of his prized recruit, redshirt freshman QB Ryan Lewis.

If the offense sputters—as it did in the I-AA opening round when Montana went ahead of the Demons 35-0 in the opening quarters—the lack of defensive experience will consign NSU to the lower reaches of the SLC standings. Two all-conference linebackers, Kurt Rodriguez and Germond Williams, are the starting point for the rebuilt defense.

The dean of the SLC, Ron Randleman, is more mechanic than coach this season at **Sam Houston State**. The Bearkats have an offensive chassis (three starting linemen plus a handful of experienced receivers and running backs) but not much more back from a 4-7 squad. After last year's disappointing finish, the lack of returning starters wasn't all bad as it gave Randleman the opportunity to throw open all the first-team spots during the spring.

Under the shade tree in Huntsville, Texas, Randleman closed the spring drills with some answers. Linebacker T.J. Dibble and safety DeJuan Davis anchor an improving defense, but the engine is still out of the car as part-time starter Travis Tobaben heads into the fall with only a slight edge over transfer Daniel Forrest and redshirt freshman Adam Karas.

If motivational schemes win games, **Southwest Texas State's** new coach, Manny Matsakis, will take the San Marcos team to the top. From a new logo to his Parthenon approach to the game, Matsakis has more hard-core chutzpah than any coach in the league.

The good news for the Bobcat faithful is the new coach made his bluster work at the Division II level and was a part of a couple of important Division I-A rebuilding jobs, notably Kansas State.

The loss of two-year starter Cody McCauley at quarterback in the spring to a herniated disc puts the ball in the hands of transfer Mike Hale.

Predictions

1. McNeese State
2. Stephen F. Austin
3. Nicholls State
4. Northwestern State
5. Sam Houston State
6. Southwest Texas

Top players

Offense: **Zeke Dixon**, QB, Stephen F. Austin
Defense: **Roderick Royal**, LB, McNeese State
Newcomer: **Ryan Lewis**, QB, Northwestern State

Games to watch

0.25 **Nicholls State at Northwestern State**
N.8 **Stephen F. Austin at McNeese**
N.15 **Northwestern State at McNeese**
N.22 **Stephen F. Austin at Northwestern State**

Top players

Offense: **Adam Matthews**, RB, Northern Colorado
Defense: **Weston Borba**, S, St. Mary's
Newcomer: **Scott Goldberg**, WR, SE Louisiana

Games to watch

0.4 **McNeese State at SE Louisiana**
N.15 **Southern Utah at St. Mary's**
N.22 **Florida Atlantic at Florida International**

Southeastern Louisiana, Northern Colorado make move to I-AA ranks

By KEN CROSS

Southeastern Louisiana: There is a positive rumble around Hammond, La., as former Kentucky coach Hal Mumme has been summoned to rebuild a football program that hasn't prowled the gridiron in 18 years. Mumme had 87 players dressed in spring practice and, as usual with Mumme, the offense is taking center-stage.

The starting quarterback position appears wide-open, with experienced returnee Seth Babin enjoying a slight lead coming out of spring over Daniel Luquet, John Gordon, Cody Taylor and transfer Brian Shepherd.

Mumme has 15 wide receivers listed on his roster and speedy Mississippi State transfer Scott Goldberg bears watching, although he could fit in at running back or as a returner. Jonathan Thomas and Aaron McDaniel also appear to be strong possibilities at running back.

Northern Colorado: The Bears look to take their winning ways from the Division II level into the I-AA ranks as coach Kay Dalton's squad went 12-2 last season and advanced to the NCAA semifinals before losing to eventual D-II champ Grand Valley State.

Offensively, Dalton lost his starting quarterback, Mark Passard (18 TDs) to graduation. Backups Steve Cutlip and Josh Stewart vied for playing time behind Passard. Cutlip saw the most reps as he completed 36 of 66 passes for 557 yards and three scores.

Dalton's running game will be less of a concern as senior running back Adam Matthews returns and will be the focal point of the offense.

St. Mary's (CA): Vincent White takes over the Gaels' football fortunes after a season in which St. Mary's capped off a 6-6 campaign by winning three of its last five games and dropping a hard-fought 24-12 decision in the season finale against Big Sky foe Northern Arizona.

White's biggest change from last season will involve the offense, as the Gaels will use a balance offensive attack instead of the spread-option offense that finished fourth in the country in rushing. Sophomore quarterback Trevor Johnston will look to assume the controls for White.

Southern Utah: First-year coach Gary Anderson intends on implementing a host of changes to a Thunderbirds team that finished 1-10. The 2002 squad's lone win came in the season finale, 7-0, over Mesa State.

Anderson will implement a pass-oriented system on offense to replace the spread-option attack of a year ago. He also plans to use an attacking 4-3 defense instead of a read-and-react flex defense.

The quarterback competition will be between juco transfer Casey Rehrer and freshman Jon Mann. Rehrer led Dixie State College of Utah to a 10-2 mark last season.

Defensively, the Thunderbirds have an experienced group of returnees, which will be joined by some talented newcomers.

Cal Poly: Ambition in scheduling sees Rich Ellerson's Mustangs line up against five Big Sky opponents, WAC foe UTEP and the MAC's Akron Zips in the upcoming year. To be successful, Cal Poly must replace four of five starters on the offensive line from last year's 3-8 team, while finding an early winner in a competitive race for the team's quarterback position.

In addition to the offensive line, Ellerson could have massive competition at the quarterback position, where incumbent Chris Peterson will see four competitors.

Defensively, the secondary must be rebuilt after struggling with injuries in 2002.

Florida International: Coach Don Strock, the longtime Miami Dolphin backup QB, welcomes 64 returning lettermen to the fold after the Golden Panthers turned out a respectable 5-6 mark in the team's inaugural season.

The passing game will be a key in Strock's program as he looks forward to the return of quarterback Jamie Burke, who led all first-year Division I-AA quarterbacks with 14 TD passes.

Strock's defense proved to be very efficient in its initial run. The Golden Panthers ranked second nationally with 20 fumble recoveries, while allowing only 117 yards per game passing, seventh in the nation.

Florida Atlantic: The silver lining in last season's 2-9 campaign might have been that the Owls' two wins came in the last three outings as they knocked off Morris Brown and Florida International after facing a murderous schedule that saw them drop their first eight outings.

In 2003, coach Howard Schnellenberger's rebuilding will continue as the Owls try to improve a stagnant offense from a year ago that averaged only 16 points per game. At quarterback, Danny Embick, who transferred from West Virginia in January, could challenge Jared Allen. Allen completed 50.8 percent of his passes with seven TD tosses against six interceptions last season.

Morris Brown: There is only one way to go and that is up for the Wolverines in 2003. Morris Brown gave up more than 40 points on six different occasions while struggling through a 1-11 ledger last season. MBC gave up 33.5 points per game and their opponents averaged 229.7 yards per game on the ground, so coach Sol Brannon knows that the Wolverines' defense will be a point of emphasis early in fall practice.

Junior linebacker Torres Mozley will be the nucleus with which Brannon hopes to begin renovating his defense.

Savannah State: Coach Ken Pettiford hopes to improve on last year's 1-9 ledger, as the Tigers' only 2002 victory was a 21-20 nail-biter over Morris Brown. Pettiford, who had success at Alabama A&M, has strong recruiting ties to Florida, Alabama and Georgia, so it could take two or three years for him to upgrade the talent and get his program in place.

Reed Doughty, *DB, Northern Colorado*

WG SPORTS PHOTOS

In a landscape abundant with new coaches, Suber and Bethune-Cookman are the pick for new season

By LUT WILLIAMS
Black College Sports Page

The forecast for the 2002 football season called for major power shifts in the four black college conferences, a prediction that all but hit the mark.

In the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, coach Alvin Wyatt and the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats broke through after years of threatening to beat back perennial nemesis and two-time defending champion Florida A&M and take their first title since 1984. Meanwhile, one-time power Morgan State sprang to life under new coach Donald Hill-Eley to reach the upper echelons in league play it hadn't approached in over two decades.

Fayetteville State and coach Kenny Phillips created an even bigger stir in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. They tore through the conference with an unblemished record to win their first league crown ever and earn the conference its first NCAA Division II playoff berth since 1993. In the CIAA title game, the Broncos knocked off Henry Frazier's Bowie State Bulldogs, a team that had not reached that level itself in a dozen years.

Only two-time champions Grambling State of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and Tuskegee of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference were able to stem the tide and prevent a complete upheaval.

Doug Williams' Grambling Tigers held off upstart Alabama A&M and its new head man, Anthony Jones, to three-peat in the SWAC Championship Game. Tuskegee coach Rick Comegy got a scare from Albany State, revitalized under third-year coach James White, en route to claiming its third straight championship in the Division II SIAC.

While the aforementioned will enter the season as favorites in their respective leagues, the biggest news in black college football is coaching changes that hit every conference, including some surprising ones among contenders.

In the MEAC, Bill Hayes is out at North Carolina A&T after 15 years of returning "Aggie Pride" to the gridiron. He leaves with three MEAC titles, 106 wins (the most in A&T history) and a reputation for keeping the Aggies in the thick of the conference race. Stepping in is alum George Small, a former player and Kentucky State coach with ties to another era of Aggie football. Small will be looking to start a new winning tradition.

Also in the MEAC, Mo Forte resigned at Norfolk State after posting a 15-29 record and failing to turn around the Spartans' fortunes in four years. Norfolk State also reached into its past in naming former quarterback Willie Gillus, most recently the offensive coordinator at Virginia Union, to the post.

Three straight 7-4 seasons and knocking on the door of the SWAC championship was not enough to get Jackson State's Robert Hughes a contract extension after four seasons. Taking that next step falls to longtime Division I assistant James Bell, who gets his first collegiate head-coaching assignment. Joining him in the new ranks of SWAC coaches is C.L. Whittington, a former Prairie View A&M player and assistant, following the removal of Larry Dorsey.

An internal controversy cost successful coach Kent Schoolfield his spot at Fort Valley State, despite a six-year 48-21 record that included one SIAC title and three trips to the Division II playoffs. John Morgan, the architect of the Bowie State defense that fueled the Bulldogs' run at the CIAA title, is his replacement. At Benedict College in Columbia, S.C., John Hendrick takes over from Tony Felder.

After seemingly working miracles by winning CIAA titles at tiny Livingstone, Rudy Abrams was expected to have similar success at much larger North Carolina Central. But after failing to post a winning record in four years, he decided to retire. Former North Carolina assistant Rod Broadway is the new guy on the hot seat. Ditto for Waverly Tillar, who replaces "Big" John Wright at Elizabeth City State.

The biggest development on the coaching front, however, may have been a change that didn't take place. Rick Comegy officially announced in December he was leaving Tuskegee for Norfolk State, a move heralded as a coup for the struggling Spartans. But Comegy was neither signed, nor sealed, nor delivered. An about-face the day after he was slated to start at Norfolk State sent him back to Tuskegee. Just about everyone, including assistant coaches he had promised jobs, shook their heads in disbelief.

While these stunning coaching moves are noteworthy, they are by no means likely to overshadow a bevy of talented athletes ready to grace the field. Leading the charge in 2003 will be a cadre of quarterbacks, including the top 13 statistically from the 2002 season.

Bethune-Cookman's Allen Suber, who both passed and rushed for more than 1,000 yards last year, is considered by some the best option quarterback ever at the I-AA level. Grambling's Bruce Eugene, in just his sophomore season, not only passed for a gaudy 4,455 yards and 43 touchdowns, but in the process also passed his coach and mentor Williams in the Grambling record book. Not to be left out is Jackson State senior Robert Kent, whose 9,524 passing yards and 89 touchdowns in three seasons have him in reach of coveted I-AA career marks.

What Grambling wide receiver Tramon Douglas will do for an encore is anybody's guess. He hauled in 92 of Eugene's aerials for a I-AA and black college-best 1,704 yards and 18 TDs last season. The closest black college receiver to the All-American had just 64 catches.

Eleven of the top 14 rushers return, including five of six who topped the 1,000-yard mark.

2003 Preseason Top Ten

1. Bethune-Cookman
2. Grambling State
3. Tuskegee
4. Florida A&M
5. Alabama A&M
6. Hampton
7. Jackson State
8. Fayetteville State
9. Albany State
10. Morgan State

2003 Black College Preseason All-Americans

OFFENSE

QB—**Bruce Eugene**, jr., Grambling State
RB—**Courtland Florence**, sr., Tuskegee
RB—**Duron Croson**, sr., Fort Valley State
WR—**Tramon Douglas**, sr., Grambling State
WR—**Kenneth Rogers**, sr., Morehouse
TE—**Goodluck Owi**, sr., Norfolk State
OL—**Robertville Louis**, jr., Alabama A&M
OL—**Kareem Saunders**, jr., NC A&T
OL—**Jason Lewis**, sr., Alcorn State
OL—**Marcus McNair**, sr., Winston-Salem State
OL—**Jelani Clement**, jr., Hampton
PK—**Vincent Patrick**, jr., Texas Southern
RS—**Cordell Roane**, sr., Virginia Union

DEFENSE

DL—**Steve Baggs**, sr., Bethune-Cookman
DL—**Isaac Hilton**, sr., Hampton
DL—**Deon Debose**, jr., Jackson State
DL—**Sheldon Connor**, sr., NC Central
LB—**Atcheson Conway**, jr., Bowie State
LB—**Dwan Wilson**, jr., Alcorn State
LB—**Jamal Muhammad**, jr., Bethune-Cookman
DB—**Levy Brown**, sr., Florida A&M
DB—**Tyrone Parsons**, sr., Alcorn State
DB—**Lenny Williams**, sr., Southern
DB—**Curtis DeLoatch**, sr., NC A&T
P—**Shane Phillips**, so., Alcorn State

Predictions

1. Bethune-Cookman
2. Florida A&M
3. Morgan State
4. Hampton
5. South Carolina State
6. North Carolina A&T
7. Howard
8. Delaware State
9. Norfolk State

Top players

Offense: **Allen Suber**, QB, Bethune-Cookman
Defense: **Isaac Hilton**, DL, Hampton
Newcomer: **Ben Dougherty**, QB, Florida A&M

Games to watch

S.6 **Morgan State at Florida A&M**
S.13 **Florida A&M at Florida**
O.4 **Morgan State at Bethune-Cookman**
N.22 **Florida A&M at Bethune-Cookman**

In a QB league, Wildcats' Suber rules

By DON CORBETT

In a 2002 season full of compelling story lines in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, two commanded most of the attention.

First, there was Bethune-Cookman, which managed to win more games than any other team in school history, finally whipping arch-rival Florida A&M to clinch the conference title, earning its first bid to the Division I-AA playoffs. But while the Wildcats' feats were indeed impressive, the other big story perhaps generated even more waves.

Morgan State, after renting out the league's cellar for what seemed generations, turned it completely around and finished in a three-way tie for second place.

This year, MEAC fans will probably see more of another major theme from last year—the dominant quarterback. Several schools utilized their athletes at the quarterback position in wide-open attacks designed to keep defenses off-balance. Because so many league QBs were just as dangerous running the ball as they were throwing it, the end result produced prolific offenses that employed the best elements of the new-school spread attacks with some characteristics of the old-school single-wing.

Given this league tendency, one can understand why **Bethune-Cookman** (11-2, 7-1 MEAC) might believe it will repeat as champs this season. The Wildcats return not only the best QB in the MEAC, but also one of the best at the Division I-AA level in senior Allen Suber. The Walter Payton Award candidate threw for more than 1,200 yards and ran for 1,000 more, despite missing most of the final three games due to injury. Still, his efforts earned him Offensive-Player-of-the-Year honors in the league.

Despite Suber's exploits, the heart and soul of Bethune's team last season was yet another tough, hard-nosed defensive unit.

Bethune capped off the year with a very sweet 37-10 victory over **Florida A&M** (7-5, 5-3), the first time in seven years the Wildcats had beaten FAMU. It was another in a long list of things that didn't go the Rattlers' way in 2002. So, for the first time in seven years, coach Billy Joe's crew missed out on the I-AA playoffs. Due to the injuries, the Rattlers played a lot of walk-ons. Look for one of those walk-ons, running back Rashard Pompey, to play a bigger role in this season's offense after leading the team in rushing last year.

While it may not rank up there with the parting of the Red Sea, there still may not be words that do justice to the job coach Donald Hill-Eley has done at **Morgan State** (7-5, 5-3). After years of doormat status, the Bears finally started handing out some whippings for a change.

One of the biggest reasons for the Bears' success was the quarterback duo of Lejo Washington and Bradshaw Littlejohn, who ran, passed and managed Morgan's attack consistently all season. Both return. The Bears also return 15 other starters and will be a contender.

While such status is new to Morgan, that is not the case at **Hampton** (7-5, 5-3), where coach Joe Taylor faces major hurdles on both sides of the ball.

The team's top offensive performer may be center Jelani Clement, who had an outstanding sophomore season and nabbed all-league honors. With Zuriel Smith's departure, Terrance Patrick may be ready for a breakout season at receiver.

Midway last season, **South Carolina State** (7-5, 4-4) was poised to make a serious run at the title in coach Buddy Pough's first year at the helm. But a deflating home loss to Bethune started a downward spiral that left it in the middle of the pack.

Quarterback Reese McCampbell heads the returnees. Last season, the senior threw for 1,972 yards and ran for more than 800 more.

Defensively, the Bulldogs have a pair of young guns up front in Matthew Briggman and Joe Dickson.

In any other season, the big news at **North Carolina A&T** (4-8, 2-6) would have been either that the Aggies posted their first losing season since 1995, or that they junked their traditionally lethal run-oriented attack for a more trendy spread attack. But those 2002 notables were dwarfed by the stunning announcement after the season that it had fired coach Bill Hayes, A&T's winningest football coach ever, and hired former Kentucky State head coach George Small, who inherits a number of veterans not to mention headaches.

The emergence of Bethune and Morgan overshadowed another of the league's feel-good stories up Washington, D.C., where coach Ray Petty guided **Howard** (6-5, 4-4) to its first winning season since 1997. With two weeks remaining, the Bison were in the position to claim at least a share of the title if they could run the table. While that didn't occur, HU still believes last year was the start of something good.

Despite the loss of 22 seniors, Petty welcomes the return of tailback Jay Colbert, the conference's top returning rusher at the position. Colbert, while small at 5-8 and 180 pounds, used his speed, elusiveness and toughness to pound out more than 1,000 yards last year. Receivers Shaun Miller, Darryl Nunn and Jonathan Brewer are also back, and Marcos Moreno will likely get the first shot at quarterback.

Up in Dover, coach Ben Blacknall entered the season hoping to diversify his offense at **Delaware State** (4-8, 2-6) by throwing it a little more. At times, it was successful, but at others, it was not. The Hornets dropped three games by less than a touchdown, but did upend Howard in the season finale.

Blacknall has his work cut out for him. He does get back junior Andy Blackston at quarterback, but Toledo transfer Keon Frazier took a lot of snaps with the first team during the spring, too. Dwayne Jenkins led the team in rushing and is back.

While teams like Howard and Morgan experienced a resurgence of sorts, a perennial cloud seems to follow **Norfolk State** (5-6, 2-6)—literally and figuratively. Norfolk played six home games in 2002, and on five of those six Saturdays it rained before, during or after the game. The rain kept attendance down, as well as fan enthusiasm. So even though the Spartans closed the year with three straight wins, coach Mo Forte still opted to resign at season's end.

Norfolk didn't have to look too far in its alumni directory for a new coach, deciding on former NSU quarterback Willie Gillus to lead to the team. Gillus made an immediate impact, signing 26 recruits, one of the Spartans' largest classes in recent memory. Now, he just has to figure out how to get his pieces to fit together.

SWAC challengers need more than potential to stop Grambling

By LUT WILLIAMS
Black College Sports Page

If anyone was going to end Grambling's two-year stranglehold on the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship, it appeared 2002 was the time to do it.

Doug Williams lost 22 seniors from his dominant 2001 squad, most of them on defense, and many thought that left the Tigers vulnerable for an offensive broadside. Problem is, no one told the opposition that Grambling would offer a counter punch that would beat all comers into submission. Its name was the Grambling offense, paving the way for a three-peat.

Expected challenges from Jackson State and Southern never materialized, though the Jaguars did hand the G-Men their only black college loss.

EAST DIVISION

Led by a defense that allowed no one to score above 23 points in the regular season, Alabama A&M (8-4 overall, 6-2 SWAC) was the surprise winner of the East Division title before falling to West Division champ Grambling 31-19 in the fourth SWAC Championship Game. The season was a testament to tough first-year coach Anthony Jones.

Finding an adequate replacement for SWAC Defensive Player-of-the-Year Robert Mathis is going to be hard.

The team many picked to upend Grambling, or at least win the SWAC East title last year, was Jackson State (7-4, 5-2). Falling short of both goals for a third straight year probably cost JSU grad and longtime coach Robert Hughes his job. New coach James Bell has a 20-year career as an assistant, primarily on the defense, and will be greeted by nine returning defensive starters.

Coming off its first winning season in seven and sporting the conference's Newcomer of the Year in quarterback Donald Carrie, Alcorn State (6-5, 3-4) appeared up to the task of taking on Jackson State for East Division supremacy. But what began with five wins in six games, including a close 41-35 loss Grambling, ended with four losses in the final five games.

Besides Carrie, the Braves return three all-conference performers on defense in linebacker Dwan Wilson, cornerback Tyrone Parsons and tackle Bryan Williams.

In the 2002 season, it was Mississippi Valley State's (5-6, 3-4) turn to literally come back from the dead. After the school's first-ever winless season in 2001, the Delta Devils looked to former record-setting quarterback Willie Totten to resurrect their fortunes and he again delivered.

Totten fielded a competitive, feisty team that was in all but one game, and was in the thick of the SWAC East race.

Improvement began with a defense that went from worst to second behind only Alabama A&M.

Totten will take over coaching the offense this season, welcoming back nine starters.

Perhaps no one had more offseason trouble than Alabama State (6-6, 2-5) and coach L.C. Cole. Though he survived, internal investigations delayed spring practice and caused some disruption of his plans to get the Hornets back into championship contention. In addition to facing all of the SWAC's elite, a tough 2003 schedule includes out-of-conference dates with MEAC powers Florida A&M (in Detroit) and Bethune-Cookman (in Mobile) and a matchup with traditional, season-ending rival Tuskegee.

Revving up Cole's fast-paced offense will likely fall to a trio of newcomers at quarterback, including Arkansas transfer Tavaris Jackson.

WEST DIVISION

Until the league figures out a way to stop Grambling (11-2, 7-1), the G-Men will be the team to beat. But don't expect coach Doug Williams to rest on his laurels.

The return of SWAC Player of the Year and Walter Payton Award finalist Bruce Eugene and his favorite target, wide receiver Tramon Douglas, is enough to put a scare into most foes, but not likely to hold them off another year. But Williams would also like to beef up a running attack that gained only 124 yards per game last year.

Replacing leading tackler Ron Johnson, two all-conference players on the line and two more who played at that level in the secondary will make improvement tough.

It looks like Grambling will have to outscore opponents again.

The only SWAC team to outscore Grambling was Southern (6-6, 5-2), whose 48-24 win in the season-ending Bayou Classic was the highlight of the its 2002 campaign. The strength of the Jaguars lies in their bend-but-don't-break defense, which returns All-SWAC defensive backs Lenny Williams and Hermann Hartman.

Texas Southern (4-7, 3-4) lost 16 players, including eight starters as a result of an off-campus incident. That sent coach Bill Thomas into battle with a young team with little depth. The Tigers played most opponents on nearly even terms before those realities took their toll late in games. How many of the suspended players make it back and whether coaches can fill those holes with transfers could determine how successful the Tigers will be in 2003.

The defense is strong up front but not very deep in the secondary.

The tone for the 2002 season was set early for Arkansas-Pine Bluff (3-8, 2-5) when coach Lee Hardman's troops split their first four games. Though the contests were close, the Golden Lions suffered a rash of injuries that caused them to play a lot of youngsters down the stretch while losing six of their final seven games. Hardman suffered his second straight losing season.

Sophomore quarterback Antonio Lovelady teamed with departed senior Lakendrick Powell to awaken a passing game that featured two 1,000-yard receivers, Phillip Doolin and Korea McKay, who also will not return. But the running attack posted the lowest numbers in the league at only 80.9 rushing yards per game. Twelve junior college prospects were signed in an effort to get better fast and provide needed depth.

A contract extension for coach Larry Dorsey following a three-win season in 2001 brought high hopes at Prairie View A&M (1-10, 0-7). But those hopes were shattered and Dorsey was let go after the Panthers returned to their inept ways. Former player C.L. Whittington, a 1973 Prairie View grad, is replacing Dorsey and promises a fresh start. Seven starters return on both offense and defense.

Predictions

East Division
1. Alabama A&M
2. Jackson State
3. Alcorn State
4. Mississippi Valley State
5. Alabama State

West Division
1. Grambling State
2. Southern
3. Texas Southern
4. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
5. Prairie View

Top players

Offense: **Bruce Eugene**, QB, Grambling State
Defense: **Tyrone Parsons**, DB, Alcorn State
Newcomer: **Tavaris Jackson**, QB, Alabama State

Games to watch

S.6 **Grambling at Alcorn State**
N.8 **Jackson State at Alabama A&M**
N.29 **Grambling State vs. Southern (at New Orleans)**

Don't bet against another high-octane, Grand Valley finale come December

By Gregg DeWalt
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Brian Kelly's grand prize after watching his Grand Valley State Lakers win the 2002 NCAA Division II football championship wasn't a trip to Disney World.

Instead, for Kelly, coach and architect of Grand Valley's record-setting two-year run of unbelievable offense, the prize was a trip to Hawaii and an opportunity to coach offense in the Hula Bowl.

"That was definitely the highlight," Kelly says. "To have the opportunity to run our offense in the Hula Bowl and to throw the ball to (Grand Valley receiver and Hula Bowl MVP) David Kircus was a great cap to an incredible season."

One year after feeling the sting of defeat in the championship game, Kelly and the Lakers went wire-to-wire in winning the Allendale, Mich., school's first Division II football championship. The Lakers (14-0) closed the season with a 31-24 victory over Valdosta State in a matchup of two unbeatens.

Led by Harlon Hill Trophy winner and quarterback Curt Anes and record-setting receiver "Circus" Kircus, Grand Valley put up incredible offensive numbers on the way to an unbeaten season.

During the six games leading up to the championship, the Lakers scored 60-plus points four times. Their lowest point total for the season was a 23-point effort against Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rival Saginaw Valley.

After two sensational offensive seasons, the Lakers will turn to defense as they try to make the trip to Florence, Ala., again and defend their national championship. Gone are eight starters from an offense that was unstoppable, including Anes, who threw for 3,692 yards and 47 touchdowns, and Kircus, who caught 35 touchdown passes. Leading rusher Reggie Spearmon (1,500, 21 TDs) is also gone, leaving Kelly to rebuild.

"We're going to have to play great defense if we want to win another championship," says Kelly, who is 104-34-2 in 12 years at GVSU. "We've been recruiting the past couple of years so that we would have a veteran defense in place. That will allow our younger offensive guys to step up and give them a chance to develop."

Grand Valley's defense was overlooked in a season in which the offense averaged 47 points and led the nation with nearly 600 yards per game. But the Lakers allowed only 16 points a contest.

Kelly is confident he has some people in place to keep the defense strong. GLIAC Defensive Player-of-the-Year Keyonta Marshall, a sophomore, had 10 sacks and 17 tackles for loss from his defensive tackle position, while strong safety Scott Mackey returns for his senior season after finishing second on the team in tackles.

After two years of reaching the national championship game and having the opportunity to celebrate one title, Kelly said he has new appreciation for the North Alabama team that captured three consecutive championships from 1993 to 1995.

"What that team accomplished will go down as one of the great feats in Division II and on any level," Kelly says. "That's the model we use in terms of telling our team that it's been done before. They have provided the road map. What we have to do is follow it."

If there's a team ready to end Grand Valley's domination, it's located in the small south Georgia town of Valdosta, home of defending Gulf South Conference champion **Valdosta State** (14-1 in 2002).

The Blazers were tied with Grand Valley late in the championship game, but a touchdown pass from Anes to Kircus spoiled the opportunity for the conference's first national title since Delta State did it in 2000.

Coach Chris Hatcher will again launch a pass-happy attack behind junior quarterback Buster Faulkner, who threw for 3,826 yards and 41 touchdowns last year. Valdosta State's running game always has been overshadowed by the passing game, but senior Aaron Jenkins is coming off a 1,304-yard, 11-touchdown season. Defensively, the Blazers have a new coordinator for the fourth time in as many years, but Ashley Anders has plenty of talent to work with, including linebacker Marlin Adams and strong safety Wesley Brown.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (10-3) made a run at the championship before falling in the semifinals to Valdosta. The Javelinas will rely on running back Larry Williams (1,488 yards, 18 TDs) as they seek a third consecutive Lone Star Conference title. Defensive leaders include lineman Ken Benoit (98 tackles) and defensive back Eddie Moten, who led the team with five interceptions.

Northwest Missouri State (12-1) should again be the class of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, even though QB John McMenamin and bookend tackles Seth Wand and Alex Tuttle have graduated. The Bearcats have an explosive offensive performer in wide receiver/kick returner Jamaica Rector, who returns for his junior season. Defensively, cornerback Darryl Ridley and linebacker John Edmonds bolster a unit that ranked seventh nationally in scoring defense.

Carson-Newman (12-1) returned to the playoffs in a big way, reaching the quarterfinals before bowing to Valdosta. Coach Ken Sparks begins his 24th season at the helm of an experienced Eagles team. Shane Kelley, South Atlantic Conference Freshman Offensive Player of the Year, takes over for Leonard Guyton at quarterback and will be surrounded by some excellent skill players. Damone Bone rushed for 867 yards and 10 TDs, while J.J. Chatmon, Mikkail Jenkins and Alvin Sanders combined on 72 catches and 15 touchdowns.

Reggie Mosley, *WR, Valdosta State*

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Indiana, Pa. (11-2), always seems to be in the national title hunt, and this year shouldn't be any different. The Indians have some holes to fill, including at quarterback where Brian Eyerman leaves after finishing second nationally in passing efficiency. Also gone are 1,000-yard rusher Elice Parker and wide receiver Carmelo Ocasio, who caught 16 TD passes. Coach Frank Cignetti will rely on defense early with linebackers Neal Wood and Kris Griffin, who combined for 205 tackles, leading the way. Sondiata McKeithan also returns after missing the 2002 season with a shoulder injury.

With Grand Valley in a reloading situation, the time might be right for **Saginaw Valley** (9-3) to assume the top spot in the GLIAC. The Cardinals averaged nearly 40 points and 456 yards offense per game, and shouldn't miss a beat behind the quarterback play of Mark Radlinski, who takes over for Matt LaFleur. Radlinski's favorite targets should be Ruvell Martin (47 catches, 732 yards, 9 TDs) and Glenn Martinez (36, 814, 5).

It was a year of firsts at **Central Missouri State** (10-2). The Mules made their first Division II playoff appearance and beat 2001 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association champ Pittsburg State for the first time since 1959. Although graduation took a heavy toll, the Mules should be good on defense with the return of Jason Vanloo and Chris Hooper. The offense will be led by running back Kegan Coleman.

Central Washington (11-1) completed an unbeaten regular season for the first time since 1991 and should again be the class of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference as quarterback Zak Hill tries to follow up on a season in which he threw for 2,694 yards and 22 touchdowns. Running back Willie Johnson added 18 scores.

Bentley (10-1) was the only 10-win team in the country that didn't receive an NCAA bid, but the Falcons should be in position to crack the postseason with the return of junior wide receiver Dallas Mall, who has caught 125 passes for 2,244 yards and 38 touchdowns in his first two seasons. On defense, strong safety Jeff Moiesso recorded 72 tackles and picked off six passes, while Bill Kavanaugh and Ted Krautman combined for 27 sacks to lead the Waltham, Mass., school.

Nebraska-Kearney (9-2) won nine games for the first time in two decades, captured its first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference title and made the playoffs in the process before being eliminated by Texas A&M-Kingsville in the first round of the NCAAs. With the one-two punch of running back Mike Miller (333 carries, 1,600 yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Richie Ross (56 catches, 1,1142 yards, 10 TDs) back for another year, coach Darrell Morris and the Lopers are favored to make it two consecutive RMAC titles.

Minnesota-Duluth (11-1) will have a tough time improving on its first unbeaten regular season and postseason appearance, but the return of 13 starters should help. A replacement must be found for quarterback Ricky Fritz, but the new starter will have a dangerous target in wideout Tim Battaglia, who last season eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark for the first time in school history.

Tuskegee (10-1) has quietly put together one of the top Division II programs in the country. The Golden Tigers have won 52 of their last 57 games, including a 33-2 mark over the past three seasons. Coach Rick Comegy has 15 starters returning from a Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship team, including flashy running back Cortlandt Florence (1,281 yards, 12 TDs). On defense, senior linebackers Nathaniel Jones and Michael Adams are back after sitting out last season.

Fayetteville State (10-2) loses leading rusher DeAngelo Bridges, but will rely on versatile quarterback Te'Mon Wallace and running back Carnell Thornton to take up the slack for the Broncos in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

At **Catawba** (8-3), junior Rodney Wallace averaged 102.2 yards per game to lead the South Atlantic Conference in rushing. On defense, Jamel Jackson ranked fifth nationally with seven interceptions.

With Northern Colorado making the move to Division I-AA and ineligible for the playoffs and North Dakota State rebuilding, **St. Cloud State** (9-2) appears to be the cream of the always-tough North Central Conference. The Huskies were four points away from an unbeaten season and return 15 starters, including a Harlon Hill Trophy finalist, quarterback Keith Heckendorf, who owns nearly every school passing record and is coming off a season in which he threw for 2,817 yards and 37 touchdowns.

Expect **Harding** (9-2), which finished second to Valdosta State in the tough Gulf South Conference, to contend for a playoff berth. Coach Randy Tribble returns 13 starters, including versatile quarterback Freddie Langston (20 TD passes, 8 interceptions) and linebacker Tim Polk, who had 98 tackles and five fumble recoveries.

It has taken coach Dave Wiemers only two years to establish **Emporia State** (9-3) as a force in the Mid-America. The Hornets return 10 offensive starters from a team that won the Mineral Water Bowl, including Tyler Paul, who rushed for 1,435 yards and 11 touchdowns. Philip Mabion, a one-man wrecking crew on defense, had 22 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks.

An eight-win season is considered excellent at most schools, but at **Pittsburg State** (8-3) it's considered a down year. Coach Chuck Broyles and the Gorillas missed the playoffs for only the second time since joining Division II in 1989. Defensive tackle Aaron McConnell heads a list of 14 returning starters. The Gorillas signed Andrew Tuggle, Missouri's High School Player of the Year, who rushed for 54 touchdowns and 4,256 yards his final two prep seasons.

C.W. Post (11-1) won the Northeast-10 Conference and was the only non-scholarship school invited to the NCAA playoffs. For the Pioneers, who went 25 years without a playoff appearance, to make a return trip to the postseason, coach Bryan Collins must find a replacement for Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Ian Smart,

TOP 25

1. **Grand Valley State**
2. **Valdosta State**
3. **Texas A&M-Kingsville**
4. **Northwest Missouri State**
5. **Carson-Newman**
6. **Indiana (Pa.)**
7. **Saginaw Valley**
8. **Central Missouri State**
9. **Central Washington**
10. **Bentley**
11. **Nebraska-Kearney**
12. **Minnesota-Duluth**
13. **Tuskegee**
14. **Fayetteville State**
15. **Catawba**
16. **St. Cloud State**
17. **Harding**
18. **Emporia State**
19. **Pittsburg State**
20. **C.W. Post**
21. **Bloomsburg**
22. **Presbyterian**
23. **Chadron State**
24. **Abilene Christian**
25. **Winona State**

Games to watch

C.W. Post at Bentley, Sept. 20
Valdosta State at Southern Arkansas, Sept. 27
Catawba at Carson-Newman, Nov. 8
Northwest Missouri State vs. Pittsburg State *(at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium)*, Nov. 15
Tuskegee vs. Alabama State *(at Montgomery, Ala.)*, Nov. 27

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Keith Heckendorf**, Sr., St. Cloud State
RB—**Kegan Coleman**, Sr., Central Missouri St
RB—**Duron Croson**, Fort Valley State
RB—**Larry Williams**, Texas A&M-Kingsville
OL—**Chad Lackowski**, Sr., Saginaw Valley
OL—**Khiawatha Downey**, Sr., Indiana, Pa.
OL—**Trevor Miller**, Sr., Kutztown
OL—**Joe Valvoda**, Sr., Edinboro
OL—**Daniel Lynch**, Jr., Catawba
TE—**Kory Wright**, Sr., Concord (W.V.)
WR—**Chris Brewer**, Jr., Fort Lewis
WR—**Nikolas Lewis**, Jr., Southern Arkansas
WR—**Brian Potucek**, Jr., Central Washington
PK—**Austin Wellock**, So., Ashland
KR—**Kevin Curtin**, Sr., Winona State

DEFENSE

DL—**Philip Mabion**, Sr., Emporia State
DL—**Troy Bowers**, So., Clarion
DL—**Aaron McConnell**, Sr., Pittsburg State
DL—**Bill Kavanaugh**, Sr., Bentley
LB—**Kwame Ferguson**, Sr., East Central Oklahoma
LB—**Dan Holland**, Sr., Mansfield
LB—**Deric Sieck**, Sr., Winona State
LB—**Jason Ocean**, Sr., Livingstone
DB—**Jon Arnold**, Sr., California, Pa.
DB—**Marvin Jackson**, Sr., Chadron State
DB—**Scott Mackey**, Sr., Grand Valley State
DB—**Jamel Jackson**, Sr., Catawba
P—**Michael Koenen**, Jr., Western Washington

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Larry Williams, *RB, Texas A&M-Kingsville*

college football's all-time leading touchdown scorer (95).

Bloomsburg (8-2) always seems to have a new quarterback, but seems to keep winning despite the turnover. Coach Danny Hale's team is 29-7 over the past three seasons in the tough Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. The Huskies are strong at linebacker, where Shawn Butler and Eric Steffen combined for 185 tackles, including 33 for losses.

With a defense that returns eight starters and an experienced offense, **Presbyterian** (8-3) should challenge Carson-Newman and Catawba in the SAC. Senior receiver Terry Meng, an All-SAC performer, is one of the most exciting players in the conference.

Despite sharing the RMAC crown with Nebraska-Kearney, **Chadron State** (8-2) missed the playoffs last year for only the third time since 1996. Marvin Jackson, who has established himself as one of the nation's top cornerbacks, is coming off a six-interception season.

After a rough start, coach Gary Gaines has **Abilene Christian** (6-4) on the rise. The Wildcats won six of their final seven games to earn a share of the Lone Star title with Texas A&M-Kingsville. Abilene returns 16 starters, including nine on a defense that improved by 185 points from 2001. Texas Tech transfer Joe Edwards should make a good unit even better as the new defensive end.

At **Winona State** (8-4) senior running back Kevin Curtin will be called on to lead the Warriors after amassing 2,241 all-purpose yards in 2002. Curtin led the nation in punt return average (22.9).

Others to watch

Two perennial powers from the NCC will look for bounce-back seasons. **North Dakota** slipped to 5-6 while trying to defend its national championship from 2001, while the once-powerful **North Dakota State** Bison bottomed out at 2-8. At North Dakota, Dale Lennon will rely on underclassmen at key positions, while North Dakota State will feature a new coaching staff.

Minnesota State-Mankato (4-7) won three of its final four games for first-year coach Clarence Holley. The Mavericks will build their offense around running back Bobby Ruffin and the defense around Jared Ziemke, who had 108 tackles.

Nebraska-Omaha (6-5) had a winning record for the seventh consecutive season and should contend for the NCC title. The team's strength is on defense, where Taiwo Onatolu and Nick Pearson combined for 203 tackles.

With its most experienced team since 1999, **Southern Arkansas** (7-4) could move up in the Gulf South standings if wide receiver Nik Lewis (65 catches, 1,239 yards, 14 TDs) can repeat his 2002 numbers.

Another team on the rise is **North Alabama** (4-7). Second-year coach Mark Hudspeth brought a wide-open offensive attack to Florence in his first year with the Lions, but the team's biggest surprise was running back DeMarcus Blount, who scored 20 touchdowns to rank among the nation's leaders.

Ouachita Baptist (5-5) reached the .500 mark for the first time in a decade and will look to continue that improvement with an experienced team that features running back Montoya Brown, the Gulf South's third-leading rusher last season with 1,012 yards.

West Alabama (5-6) was perhaps the most improved team in the GSC, finishing with five wins for the first time since 2002. That improvement should continue with the return of quarterback Brett Gilliland, who set a school record with 3,213 passing yards last season. Favorite target Geral Gales, who caught 96 passes, also returns.

With the return of Travis Lynch from an injury, **Shepherd** (7-3) will feature the leading rushers in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference from the past two seasons. Alex Herbert led the league with 1,016 yards and 12 touchdowns last season in Lynch's absence.

With eight returning starters, including running back Stephen Gammage (827 rushing yards, 14 TDs), **Kutztown** (4-7) will be dangerous offensively. Replacing All-America safety Pete Mendez will be a tough assignment for coach Dave Keeny.

Lou Tepper expects his fourth season at **Edinboro** (5-6) to be his best. The Fighting Scots return 14 starters, including center Joe Valvoda, a two-time All-PSAC West selection.

Millersville (3-7) will try to snap a two-year winless streak in September (0-11). Joe Hollister and Braden Steffy anchor a defense that returns eight starters.

Ashland (2-9) had a losing campaign in 2002 for the first time in six seasons, but returns the pass-catch combo of John Szabo and Michael Hull, along with kicker Austin Wellock, who tied a Division II record with six field goals in one game.

Fairmont State (3-7) will try to rebuild around experience on the offensive and defensive lines, where offensive lineman Shane Davis and defensive linemen Damion Graham and Dustin Haas return.

Rob Smith became **Western Washington's** (6-4) all-time winningest coach last year. When the Vikings bog down on offense, punter Mike Koenen usually bails them out. He averaged a Division II-best 44.9 yards per punt.

American International (5-6) slipped to its worst record since 1995, but coach Art Wilkins will rely on quarterback Tom Guy, who holds all but one of the school's passing records, to turn things around in Springfield, Mass.

Truman State (6-5) opened the 2002 season 4-1, but stumbled down the stretch. Veteran offensive and defensive lines should help the Bulldogs compete for a Mid-America league title.

Gagliardi and St. John's hope to cap record season by derailing Mount Union's D3 express

By MIKE GOENS
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The names are revered in college football. Eddie Robinson, Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden, Bear Bryant, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Pop Warner will maintain a legacy of being the best coaches in the game, and each has more than 300 victories on their resumes.

However, before the 2003 football season is complete, it's likely that John Gagliardi will be sitting at the top of that legendary group.

Gagliardi enters his 51st season at St. John's University in Minnesota with a chance to become the all-time winningest collegiate football coach. He needs nine victories to reach 409 and replace Grambling's Robinson atop that list.

Ironically, nine straight wins would give him that record on Nov. 8, the day of his 76th birthday.

"I've never been great on statistics, but it must be true because people keep talking about it," says Gagliardi. "To have so many good things said about me, I should at least have the decency to be dead."

Gagliardi has already achieved a 400-114-11 record in Division III, where there aren't any scholarships or spring practices. The Johnnies played only seven games a season during the first few years of his career, and it should also be noted that his conference doesn't even allow players to be redshirted.

"Ohio State could never beat Michigan if they didn't have redshirts," he says.

College football experts say Gagliardi's seemingly inevitable record will likely never be topped. To put it in perspective, a coach would have to win more than 10 games a year for 40 years to reach that level.

"You've got to start young like Eddie Robinson and I did, and you've got to hang in there a long time," he says. "When Eddie Robinson went there (and got the record), I never thought it would be broken. But I guess it can be done."

National media attention has already started building on the tiny St. John's campus in Collegeville. Gagliardi says he hates to put his players through the glare of that spotlight.

"We honestly never talk about it," he says. "We don't even list goals of winning the conference championship or national championship, so we're certainly not going to put that one up there. We always talk about winning that next game and nothing else.

"I'm really glad I'm not a big-time coach because they have to go through this all the time. I guess they do make a little more money, though."

St. John's will be a contender for the Division III national championship, but the favorite's role again falls on the shoulder's of the Mount Union program. The Blue Raiders are in the middle of an unprecedented run in college football.

Mount Union has won seven of the last 10 national championships, including three straight. Repeating would make the Larry Kehres' team the first in NCAA history to win four consecutive championships, topping Augustana in Division III and North Alabama in Division II.

Kehres sees a stiff challenge ahead for his team, trying to replace seven defensive starters and a quarterback.

Don't expect others in Division III to feel sorry for the Raiders, who have 43 letter-winners back. They have won 96 of the last 97 games, including 42 in succession. They haven't lost a regular-season game since 1994.

"I figured Mount Union wouldn't be a problem this year because I thought they had joined the Big Ten," Gagliardi says, joking.

The offense, with seven starters back, will be solid behind the strength of an offensive line that includes 308-pound All-America tackle Larry Kinnard. The other tackle, George Momirovic, and guards Brent Miller and Bob Bradley are also back up front from a unit that averaged 46.7 points per game.

Junior Zac Bruney will likely be the quarterback after passing for 626 yards in backup duty last year. The running game returns three key performers, and Randell Knapp is a big-time threat at receiver. Placekicker Chad Teague is another offensive weapon, having scored 105 points last year. Tackles Antoine Dillard and Josh Ludwig will be key players on defense, as will linebacker Shaun Spisak.

St. John's (12-2 in '02) nearly unseated Mount Union two years ago, and the Johnnies could make the season even more special for Gagliardi by winning the championship. It would be his fourth.

Defensively, there might not be a better unit, with linebacker Cam McCambridge being the ringleader. He had 117 tackles last year in addition to breaking up 19 passes. End Jeremy Hood, with 12 sacks, is another standout.

The top offensive weapon is wide receiver and return specialist Blake Elliott, who owns 11 school and conference records. He had 120 catches for 1,484 yards and 22 touchdowns last year.

If **Rowan** (10-1) can find a consistent quarterback, it will also be a strong challenger. The Profs have two transfers joining the battle at quarterback. Running back Patrick Thompson and receivers Jon Berry and Joe D'Imperio will take away some of the pressure.

There are some big-play performers on defense like linebacker Domenic Tomeo, who had 90 tackles last year. Linebacker Mike McClain and end Brian Bond are also back along with all four defensive backs. Kelvin Bellamy had six interceptions in 2002 to complement his punt-return skills.

Wabash has 16 starters back from a 12-1 team, but, like Rowan, consistent play from a new quarterback will determine the team's fate. Rushing should not be a problem, with running back Chris Morris returning after rushing for 1,135 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns. Leading receiver Brandon Clifton is also back to team with speedy Eric Summers at wideout.

The Little Giants will lean on their defense early. Nine starters are back from a unit that ranked 20th in the nation in total defense. Tackle Blair Hammer had 11.5 tackles for loss a year ago, and leading tackler Nick Fanelli is back at linebacker. Aaron Selby is developing into one of the country's best linemen. Defensive back Dustin Deno makes things happen in many ways. He had four blocked kicks and five interceptions last year.

Advancing to the second round of the playoffs has brought more confidence to the **Wheaton** (Ill.) program. Nine starters return to the offense, which ranked fourth in the country with 41 points and 486 yards each game.

TOP 25

1. Mount Union
2. St. John's (Minn.)
3. Rowan
4. Wabash
5. Wheaton (Ill.)
6. Baldwin-Wallace
7. Washington & Jefferson
8. Trinity (Texas)
9. Brockport State
10. Linfield
11. Wisconsin-La Crosse
12. Bridgewater
13. Wartburg
14. Lycoming
15. Augustana (Ill.)
16. Wisconsin-Stout
17. Muhlenberg
18. Hanover
19. Wittenberg
20. Central (Iowa)
21. Hardin-Simmons
22. Widener
23. Alma
24. Worcester State
25. Ohio Northern

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Randell Knapp, WR, Mount Union

Games to watch

Baldwin-Wallace at Mount Union, Sept. 20
Pacific Lutheran at Linfield, Oct. 4
Wittenberg at Wabash, Oct. 11
Johns Hopkins at Muhlenberg, Oct. 25
Wisconsin-Stout at Wisconsin-La Crosse, Nov. 1
Mary Hardin-Baylor at Hardin-Simmons, Nov. 1
Widener at Lycoming, Nov. 8
Wheaton at Augustana, Nov. 15
Wartburg at Central, Nov. 15

Junior Brad Musso caught 11 touchdown passes and accounted for 1,189 receiving yards. Slotback Andrew King had 59 catches, three fewer than Musso. Dan Price (886 yards rushing, 18 TDs) is back at tailback, and quarterback Chad Bradley passed for 2,253 yards in 2002. The entire secondary returns, but only five defensive starters in all are back from a 10-2 squad.

Dan Larlham transferred to **Baldwin-Wallace** (8-2) four years ago from Michigan State and has established himself as a player capable of leading a team to the championship. The Yellow Jackets happen to play in the same conference as Mount Union, though.

Larlham, who is also a running threat, has passed for 5,016 yards and accounted for 67 touchdowns in three seasons. He won't have to do it alone, as running back Mark Anders (864 rushing yards and 13 TDs) and receiver Dave Ehrman (52 catches) can deliver big plays. The Jackets' defense returns two linemen, two linebackers and four defensive backs, which will make them competitive. Middle linebacker Jon Schmitz also returns after injuries limited him to two games in 2002.

Mike Sirianni takes over a **Washington & Jefferson** program that expects to win big. He has spent the last four years as the Presidents' offensive coordinator, and was part of three national championships at Mount Union. The Presidents have earned playoff berths for four straight years and have won 17 of the last 18 conference titles.

Sirianni will have seven offensive and seven defensive starters back from a 9-3 squad, but must replace record-breaking quarterback Brian Dawson and the top rusher. Receivers Mike Virgin and Joel Yungen combined for 74 catches, 1,247 yards and nine touchdowns last year. The defense is built around Eric Fields, Jon Betz and Jon Hebert.

Trinity (Texas) made it to the championship game last year, with a record-setting offense leading the way, but defense will have to carry the load this time. Gone from the offense are the starting quarterback, tailback and the top three receivers. Fortunately, there are seven defensive starters returning from a 14-1 team.

Dan DesPlaines got some experience at quarterback last year and performed quite well. Matt Federle rushed for 675 yards and eight touchdowns in a backup role at running back. James Flowers leads a talented offensive front, and placekicker Todd Canion scored 121 points in 2002. The defense has two linemen, two linebackers and three defensive backs returning.

Brockport State has emerged as a power in New York, having logged three straight NCAA playoff appearances. The Golden Eagles posted a school-record 10 wins last year on the way to the national quarterfinals, and have six starters on both offense and defense returning. Coming off five shutouts last season, defense will again be a strong suit. Defensive backs Matt Walther and Jeremy Lynch, lineman Ryan Bierley and linebacker Jeff Haynes are the leaders. Quarterback Bob Darnley is also back.

The king of the West in recent years has been **Linfield** (10-1), and the Wildcats from McMinnville, Ore., are expected to be solid again despite losing eight of 11 offensive starters. The entire offensive line must be rebuilt, but that's usually not a problem at a program that has posted 47 consecutive winning seasons. Quarterback Tyler Matthews (2,236 yards passing and 16 TDs) is back, and Thomas Ford will man the running attack. On defense, defensive back Ray Lions returns after leading the team in tackles the last two years. The 'Cats also have special-teams weapons in placekicker Garrett Wales and punter James Wilson.

One of many capable teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is **Wisconsin-La Crosse**. The Eagles, the second-winningest program in Division III history with 515 wins, have 15 starters back from a 7-4 playoff season. The key is finding a replacement at quarterback. Linebackers Adam Schneider and Dustin Powell were the top tacklers last year, and three seniors start on the defensive front. Four of the top five receivers are back, with tight end Chester Janke and wideout Scott Burnoski being keys.

Bridgewater (11-1) must overcome the loss of eight offensive starters, but has one of the country's best players in linebacker Jermaine Taylor, one of five starters back on defense. He had 123 tackles, including 17 for losses, last year. He is also the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's premier track sprinter. Fellow linebacker Gary Nelson and defensive back Steward White add more speed to the unit. The key could rest on new quarterback Brandon Wakefield, a transfer from William & Mary. Three freshmen who shared rushing duties last year are back.

One of the country's best defenses belongs to **Wartburg**. Nine starters are back from a 9-3 team, including ends Vince King and J.J. Zearley, who combined for 18.5 sacks and 44 tackles, and defensive back Cody Kelley. The Knights also have the means to keep the ball away from the opponents, with a dominating offensive line led by Jeff Voreis and Andy Heitman. They opened the way for a breakout season last year for Brad Hodapp, who rushed for 1,246 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Lycoming posted an uncharacteristic 6-3 season a year ago, but has several key performers returning who should get the Warriors back to the playoffs. Four of the five offensive linemen, all receivers and the starting quarterback return. Center Matt Mendola and tackle Jay Seagreaves are strong up front. Defense is the question mark, with only four starters back, but linebacker Luke Sterling is solid.

Augustana (Ill.) is another team with great tradition that is trying to make it back to the playoffs after a 7-2 season. Quarterback Brad Wendell is

back to direct the offense that otherwise will undergo a lot of changes. The defense will be the strength, with eight starters back, including defensive linemen, two linebackers and three defensive backs.

The playoffs were within 18 inches of **Wisconsin-Stout** last year, and the Blue Devils (7-3) are convinced they can get there this year. An offense with 10 returning starters will be called on early to lead the way. Quarterback Nick Ohman can hurt defenses running and passing. Luke Bundgaard is already the school's all-time leading rusher with 2,966 yards, and Ryan Englebert is a great complement. Ben Knepper is superb up front. The defense will be built around lineman Joe Kerstein.

Matt Bernardo is a weapon few teams can offer, and he will be counted on to help **Muhlenberg** (10-2) return to the playoffs. He rushed for 1,393 yards, had 350 receiving yards and averaged 31.4 yards on each kickoff return last year. Six starters are back on the offense, but there isn't a quarterback who has thrown a meaningful pass. Replacing three defensive linemen will be another key.

Hanover also has aspirations of returning to the playoffs following a 10-win season. There is plenty of offensive firepower to get it done. Quarterback Brett Dietz is a solid leader, and Clint Bobb doubled as a runner and receiver last year, totaling 1,055 yards. Terrell Cummings is another receiving threat. Only four starters are back on defense, where linebacker Scott Power is an enforcer.

Wittenberg, Division III's winningest team with 635 victories, must overcome some big losses following a 10-2 season. Only five starters on offense and two on defense return. Skip Ivery and Jered Glover, who both had at least 50 receptions last year, give the Tigers two threats. Guard Chad Thompson is also one of the region's best.

One of the most consistent winners in Division III is **Central College** in Pella, Iowa, which has posted 42 straight winning seasons. The Dutch have lost only 10 Iowa Conference games over the last 20 years and will be a contender again after going 8-2 last year. No team has appeared in more Division III playoffs. Ike Hammerly is best of three good returning linemen, and quarterbacks Mark Isaacson and Derrick Livingston complement each other. The defense will be solid if the down linemen develop to help linebacker Mark Sanger and other returnees.

Hardin-Simmons suffered through numerous injuries last year and still posted an 8-2 record. During the process, a lot of young players received starting experience, including nine on offense and 11 on defense. The Cowboys have two capable quarterbacks and tight end Matt Moskowsky, who caught 45 passes last year. Alex Hansen had nine interceptions.

New coach David Wood will try to keep the success going at **Widener**, which was left out of the NCAAs last year despite a 9-1 record. He was promoted from defensive coordinator and that's the side of the ball that offers the most questions, with five starters back. A new quarterback must also be found, but the top three receivers are back along with lineman Andy Clark.

Coaches at **Alma** (9-2) must rebuild quickly to offset the loss of 14 starters. On offense, Josh Peters and two other returning linemen will help that process. Receiver Clayton Sims has big-play potential. Defensively, defensive back Kevin Vermeersch was second on the team in tackles last year.

Worcester State (9-2) had two 1,000-yard ground gainers last year in Greg Wood and Mike Buoniconti, and both return. Wood scored 164 points. Quarterback Cean Oksanish needs only 564 yards to become the school's all-time passing leader. Nine starters return to the Lancer defense.

Ohio Northern posted a break-even record a year ago, but the Polar Bears (5-5) will be among the best again in the Ohio Athletic Conference and could challenge Mount Union. Quarterback Jeff Soliday is back after being injured during last preseason. He passed for 2,211 yards and 20 touchdowns two years ago. Zach Weber ran for 1,106 yards in 2002. The defense was stripped by injuries last year but now has its entire secondary, two linebackers and both ends back.

Best of the rest

Linebacker Casey Carlson combines with Aaron Binger's running and receiving threats to make **Pacific Lutheran** a contender.

Wilkes has 17 starters back and could be playoff-caliber with an improved passing game to complement running back Brett Trichilo.

Wisconsin-Eau Claire could be a contender if the offense can find a couple more big-play performers to help tight end Brad Newton. The Blugold lost all five offensive linemen, but the defense has nine starters back.

King's Point has 16 starters back from an eight-win team, including running back David McNeal, who rushed for 1,860 yards, and defensive lineman Kyle Franklin.

Mary Hardin-Baylor has some big-time performers like quarterback Cody Fredenburg and tackle Karson Jenkins.

Waynesburg has talented quarterback Jeff Dumm back and could surprise Washington & Jefferson in the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Washington University in St. Louis has 19 starters back, including receiver Brad Duesing, who had 69 catches last year, plus quarterback Nathan Szep, who threw for 2,421 yards and 19 TDs in nine starts.

Defense could carry **Johns Hopkins** to the NCAAs. Defensive back Matt Campbell (86 tackles), quarterback George Merrell and receiver Brian Wolcott will have to provide the leadership.

Les Simon's running ability could make **Redlands** a playoff threat again, with 13 starters back.

Coe has some key weapons returning in quarterback Joe Brannen, running back Matt Wycoff, receiver Jon Rife and linebacker Zach Pfantz.

Quarterback Scott Krause has started 28 straight games at **Wisconsin-Stevens Point** and he could get his team in the playoffs with improved play from the Pointers' receiving group.

Receiver Matt Yvon's 73 receptions give **Westfield State** hopes for another big year, especially with Don Jones there to provide a running punch.

John Carroll must prove it can maintain its success without the talents of quarterback Tom Arth. There is talent back, especially on defense.

Lake Forest has 15 starters returning from a playoff team, and will rely on quarterback Don Lackey and defensive lineman David Bleitner.

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

OFFENSE

QB—**Dan Larlham**, Baldwin-Wallace
RB—**David McNeal**, King's Point
RB—**Matt Bernardo**, Muhlenberg
OL—**Larry Kinnard**, Mount Union
OL—**Ben Knepper**, Wisconsin-Stout
OL—**Matthew Atkins**, Thomas More
OL—**James Hoxworth**, Wheaton (Ill.)
OL—**Billy Joe Murray**, Williamette
TE—**Matt Moskosky**, Hardin-Simmons
WR—**Blake Elliott**, St. John's (Minn.)
WR—**Dwayne Tawney**, Whitworth
PK—**Greg Switaj**, Springfield

DEFENSE

DL—**Vince King**, Wartburg
DL—**Joe Indriolo**, John Carroll
DL—**Blair Hammer**, Wabash
LB—**Jermaine Taylor**, Bridgewater
LB—**Mike Davis**, Heidelberg
LB—**Ron Swearingin**, Capital
LB—**Cam McCambridge**, St. John's (Minn.)
DB—**Ray Lions**, Linfield
DB—**Kennard Davis**, Thiel
DB—**Matt Walther**, Brockport
DB—**Kyle Hausler**, Capital
P—**Scott Verhalen**, East Texas Baptist

Street & Smith's

HIGH SCHOOL 2003 All-America Team

Brian Brohm, QB, Louisville (KY) Trinity

Nine QBs dot our annual list of the country's top 50 prep players

By Doug Huff

It could be the "Year of the Quarterback" this season in high school football.

The 22nd annual *Street & Smith's* High School All-America Team is headlined by nine touted signal-callers, including two selected as utility players because of their athletic versatility.

Represented on the 50-player preseason honor roll are two quarterbacks each from Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas, plus standout field generals from Kentucky, Indiana and Washington.

Overall, 21 states are represented on the elite listing and 21 of the honorees hail from four states noted for producing lots of gridiron talent—Florida (7), Texas (6), Ohio (4) and Pennsylvania (4). Four other states have three player representatives (California, Georgia, Illinois and North Carolina).

With college recruiting practically a yearlong event these days, six of the Top 50 had committed to in-state colleges by early spring of their junior year.

Texas A&M received verbals from two in-state prospects—quarterback Stephen McGee of Burnett and defensive lineman William Morrisey of Silsbee.

Other early commitments were running back Joe Casey of Paducah, Ky., to Kentucky; wide receiver Sidney Rice of Gaffney, S.C., to South Carolina; offensive lineman Lydon Murtha of Hutchinson, Minn., to Minnesota; and placekicker Tyler Lewis of Albemarle, N.C., to North Carolina State.

Here's a position-by-position capsule summary of *Street & Smith's* Top 50 selections:

QUARTERBACKS

Brian Brohm will seek to guide Trinity High of Louisville, Ky., to a third straight state Class 4A title this season following a memorable junior year. Brohm, who was selected the national Junior of the Year by *Student Sports Magazine*, was featured on the cover of a recent *Sports Illustrated* focusing on high school sports. Brohm, whose father was a University of Louisville quarterback and brother Jeff a six-year NFL signal-caller, has passed for 6,859 yards and 86 touchdowns with only six interceptions the last two years. Last season, he completed 226 of 335 passes for 3,777 yards and 47 TDs with only one theft. He capped a 15-0 season by passing for 552 yards and seven TDs in a 59-56 victory over Louisville Male in the state finals.

In Texas, two quarterbacks attracting a lot of attention are Rhett Bomar of Grand Prairie and McGee of Burnet. Bomar, also a top-flight baseball outfielder, averaged 357 yards of total offense a game last season. He passed for 2,860 yards and 25 TDs and rushed for 717 yards and 11 scores. McGee led his team to a 14-1 record and state Class 3A runner-up spot while passing for 2,841 yards and 34 TDs with only five interceptions. He also rushed for 10 scores.

Pennsylvania has been noted for producing prime-time QBs and the two latest could be Chad Henne of Wilson High in West Lawn and Anthony Morelli of Penn Hills in Pittsburgh. Henne passed for 2,088 yards and 23 TDs and rushed for 675 yards and eight scores for an 11-1 team. He has 5,328 passing yards and 55 TDs for his career. Morelli was an all-conference performer for a 10-2 contender in the rugged western Pennsylvania Class 4A ranks.

Recruiters scanning talent-rich Florida know about Xavier Lee at Seabreeze High in Daytona Beach. The Class 3A all-stater passed for 3,077 yards and 33 TDs and rushed for 456 yards and 12 scores as a junior. The three-sport athlete also plays basketball and runs track.

The most prolific passer in Indiana last season returns in Mike Vlahogeorge of Jefferson High in Lafayette. He completed 281 of 521 aerials for 4,255 yards and 37 TDs.

The quarterback listing would have been expanded by one—John David Booty of Evangel Christian in Shreveport, La.—but he opted to finish his high school credits this summer and enroll in the fall at the University of Southern California.

RUNNING BACKS

Nine touted rushers from as many states have earned spots on our elite listing.

The top running back in Texas is from Palestine. Adrian Peterson, a track sprinter, carried 246 times for 2,051 yards last season and played half of the season with a cast on a broken hand.

In Florida, Bobby Washington of Killian High has been the talk of Miami the last two years. He rushed for 1,556 yards as a junior all-stater.

Last season's Ohio Division I runner-up team, Warren Harding, got an offseason boost when Delbert Ferguson moved in from Ursuline High in Youngstown. Ferguson was a 1,717-yard rusher last season. North Hills High in Pittsburgh also received a talented transfer from Central Catholic High in Andrew Johnson, who gained 1,690 yards as a sophomore before being limited with injuries last season when he ran for 704.

Noel Aleman earned Michigan all-state honors as a junior when he rushed 252 times for 2,841 yards and 38 TDs to help East Kentwood to a 13-1 record.

University of Kentucky recruit Casey enters his final prep season at Paducah (Ky.) Tilghman with 4,080 rushing yards and 50 TDs after a 2,358-yard, 34-TD effort last season.

The most productive runner on the West Coast is Terrell Jackson, who led Centennial High of Corona, Calif., to a 13-1 record and state title last season. He led the state with 50 TDs, including eight in a 57-55 double-overtime championship victory. On the

TOP 50 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

QUARTERBACKS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Rhett Bomar	6-4	200	Grand Prairie	G. Prairie, TX
Brian Brohm	6-4	200	Trinity	Louisville, KY
Chad Henne	6-3	215	Wilson	West Lawn, PA
Xavier Lee	6-4	210	Seabreeze	Daytona Beach, FL
Stephen McGee	6-3	205	Burnet	Burnet, TX
Anthony Morelli	6-4	210	Penn Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Mike Vlahogeorge	6-4	215	Jefferson	Lafayette, IN

RUNNING BACKS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Noel Aleman	5-9	205	East Kentwood	Kentwood, MI
Joe Casey	6-1	205	Tilghman	Paducah, KY
Delbert Ferguson	6-1	215	Harding	Warren, OH
Terrell Jackson	5-9	190	Centennial	Corona, CA
Andrew Johnson	5-11	205	North Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Adrian Peterson	6-3	205	Palestine	Palestine, TX
Tony Temple	5-9	185	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO
Darius Walker	5-11	190	Buford	Buford, GA
Bobby Washington	6-0	205	Killian	Miami, FL

UTILITY PLAYERS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Fred Davis	6-4	210	Rogers	Toledo, OH
Cornelius Ingram	6-5	190	Hawthorne	Hawthorne, FL
Matt Tuiasosopo	6-2	205	Woodinville	Woodinville, WA

WIDE RECEIVERS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Xavier Carter	6-3	190	Palm Bay	Melbourne, FL
Lavelle Hawkins	6-0	175	Edison	Stockton, CA
Dwayne Jarrett	6-6	205	New Brunswick	New Brunswick, NJ
Sidney Rice	6-5	185	Gaffney	Gaffney, SC

TIGHT ENDS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Zach Miller	6-5	245	Desert Vista	Phoenix, AZ

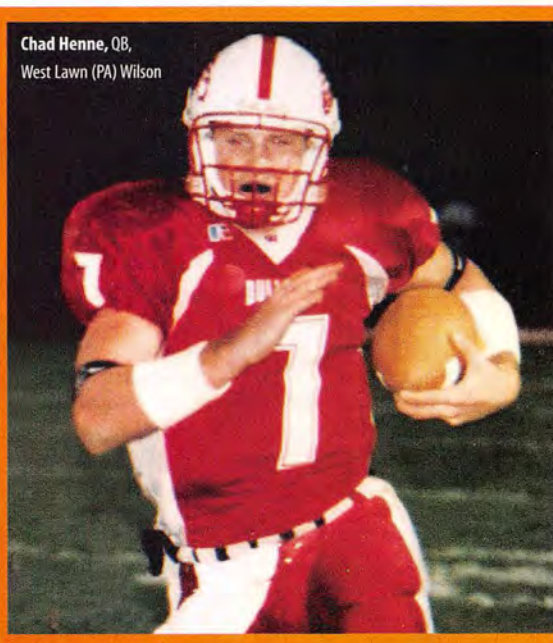
KICKER	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Tyler Lewis	6-2	230	Albemarle	Albemarle, NC

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Calvin Darity	6-4	270	Lincoln	Tallahassee, FL
Leon Hart	6-4	290	Spring Valley	Columbia, SC
Lydon Murtha	6-8	327	Hutchinson	Hutchinson, MN
Seth Olsen	6-5	305	Millard North	Omaha, NE
Jim Tartt	6-4	310	Wakulla County	Crawfordville, FL

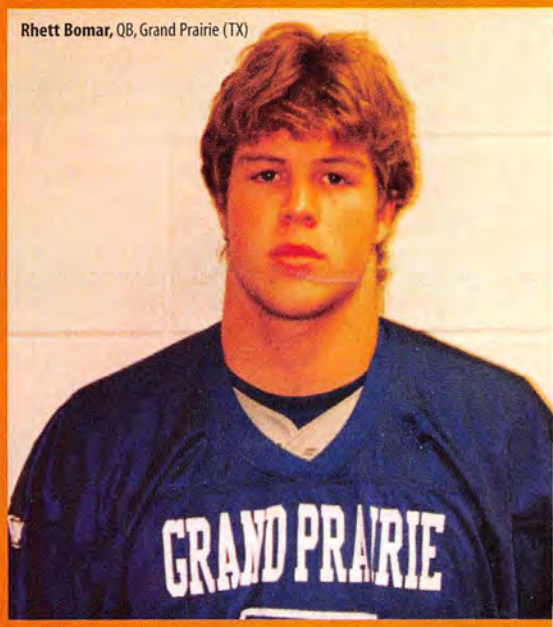
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Ryan Baker	6-6	230	Chatard	Indianapolis, IN
Chris Bowers	6-3	240	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, LA
Calais Campbell	6-7	230	South	Denver, CO
Nick Hayden	6-5	265	Arrowhead	Hartland, WI
Eric McClendon	6-6	290	Vidalia	Vidalia, GA
William Morrisey	6-2	250	Silsbee	Silsbee, TX
Franklin Okam	6-4	305	Lake Highlands	Dallas, TX
Demario Pressley	6-4	290	Dudley	Greensboro, NC

LINEBACKERS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Tae Bradford	6-3	225	Hart County	Hartwell, GA
Michael Briggs	6-1	230	Ashbrook	Gastonia, NC
Sam Carson	6-2	230	South	Downers Grove, IL
Dan Connor	6-3	222	Strath Haven	Wallingford, PA
Marcus Freeman	6-2	235	Wayne	Huber Heights, OH
Chris Patterson	6-3	225	Hubbard	Chicago, IL
Keith Rivers	6-3	230	Lake Mary	Lake Mary, FL
Brian Toal	6-2	230	Don Bosco	Ramsey, NJ
Kyle Williams	6-3	220	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL

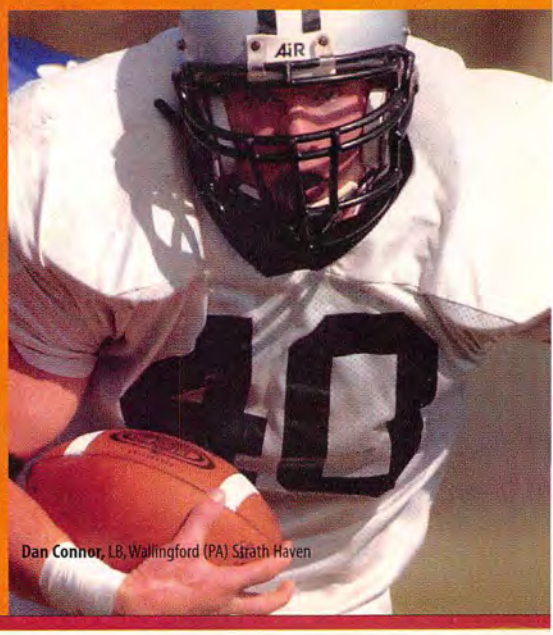
DEFENSIVE BACKS	HT	WT	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Randy Estes	6-2	190	Los Alamitos	Los Alamitos, CA
Ted Ginn	6-1	170	Glenville	Cleveland, OH
Marcus Walker	5-11	180	Waco	Waco, TX



Chad Henne, QB, West Lawn (PA) Wilson



Rhett Bomar, QB, Grand Prairie (TX)



Dan Connor, LB, Wallingford (PA) Strath Haven

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season, he rushed for 2,344 yards on 322 carries and landed 25 passes for 402 yards.

In Georgia, Buford High has won 30 straight games and two straight Class AA titles with Darius Walker in the backfield. Walker rushed for 1,986 yards and 26 scores as a junior.

Opponents of Rockhurst High in Kansas City can't wait until Tony Temple graduates. He has rushed for more than 1,000 yards each of the last three seasons, including a 2,034-yard effort as a junior when the Hawklets went 13-0 and won a state Class 6 title.

UTILITY PLAYERS

Cornelius Ingram of Hawthorne, Fla., will be recruited by college football and basketball coaches after earning all-star plaudits in both sports in the Sunshine State. He's a strong-armed quarterback on the gridiron.

Matt Tuiasosopo is a three-sport standout at Woodinville High in Washington state. In football, the quarterback/defensive back earned all-state honors on defense despite missing part of the season with injuries. He is the younger brother of former University of Washington quarterback and current Oakland Raider backup Marques Tuiasosopo.

Fred Davis is a football/track standout at Rogers High in Toledo, Ohio. Last season, he played wide receiver, running back and strong safety in football and scored 26 TDs while landing 35 passes for 610 yards and rushing 171 times for 1,090 yards. He's a standout hurdler in track.

WIDE RECEIVERS

The nation's fastest high school sprinter returns to the football lineup for defending Florida Class 4A champion Palm Bay of Melbourne. Xavier Carter has won state and national invitational titles in the 100, 200 and 400 meters since he was a freshman and puts his speed to good use in the Pirate offense.

On the West Coast, the leading wideout might be Lavelle Hawkins of Edison High in Stockton, Calif. The junior all-stater landed 53 pass receptions for 1,020 yards and 10 TDs last season.

Two rangy, athletic receivers are tabbed the best in New Jersey and South Carolina. Dwayne Jarrett is a 6-foot-6, 205-pound all-star receiver at New Brunswick High in New Jersey. South Carolina recruit Sidney Rice is a 6-5, 185-pound, two-sport standout at Gaffney (S.C.) High. He also was a key member of the unbeaten Gaffney state championship basketball team last season.

TIGHT END

Zach Miller is a two-time all-stater at Desert Vista High in Phoenix. The two-way end was not only a top blocker but landed 28 passes for 500 yards and seven touchdowns last season. He was also the team's top tackler.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Five mammoth blockers who earned all-star recognition last season anchor the squad's interior line.

Two Florida all-staters attracting college scouts are Calvin Darity of Tallahassee Lincoln and four-year starter Jim Tartt of Wakulla County in Crawfordville. Tartt is also a champion weightlifter.

The biggest choice is University of Minnesota recruit Lydon Murtha, a 6-foot-8, 327-pounder from Hutchinson, Minn. Another 300-pound-plus honoree is Seth Olsen from Millard North High in Omaha, Neb.

Leon Hart of Spring Valley High in Columbia, S.C., is gaining widespread recruiting attention after being charted with 57 pancake blocks last season.

KICKER

Tyler Lewis has been a major part of two straight North Carolina Class 1-AA state champions at Albemarle High, including last year's 16-0 squad. With one season left, he already holds the all-time national record with 267 PATs and has 20 career field goals. Last season, the North Carolina State recruit kicked 106 conversions and eight field goals, including a 50-yarder, and also punted for a 40-yard average.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Evangel Christian in Shreveport expects to have one of the nation's better teams this season and three-year standout Chris Bowers is one of the major reasons. The two-time all-stater charted 99 tackles last year, including 28 for losses plus 18 sacks for the state Class 5A champions.

In neighboring Texas, two of the most touted down linemen are Texas A&M recruit Morrisey of Silsbee and Franklin Okam of Lake Highlands in Dallas.

The top prospects in Georgia and North Carolina could be down linemen—Eric McClendon of Vidalia, Ga., and Demario Pressley of Dudley High in Greensboro, N.C. McClendon had 58 tackles and six sacks last season. Pressley was credited with 97 tackles, including 17 for losses and 14 sacks.

Calais Campbell of South High in Denver led the Colorado prep ranks with 19 sacks last season and has 40 entering his senior year. The rangy defensive end also charted 95 tackles, including 17 in one game.

Bishop Chatard High in Indianapolis went 15-0 last season while winning the Indiana Class 3A title. Returning from that squad is defensive end Ryan Baker, who had 36 solo stops and returned a blocked punt and fumble recovery for touchdowns.

Arrowhead High of Hartland, Wis., is pointing to another title-contending season and a major reason is the return of all-stater Nick Hayden.

LINEBACKERS

For college recruiters seeking linebackers, Illinois is a good place to start. No less than three of the nine cited defenders hail from the state—Chris Patterson of Hubbard High in Chicago, Kyle Williams of Bolingbrook and Sam Carson of South High in Downers Grove.

The top prospects in Pennsylvania and New Jersey could be 'backers—Dan Connor of Strath Haven High in Wallingford, Pa., and Brian Toal of Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J. Connor is already a two-time all-state honoree and three-sport performer. He has charted 320 career tackles and 16 pass interceptions. As a running back, he has gained 2,751 yards and scored 49 TDs. Strath Haven was 14-1 last season. Toal earned all-state honors for a 12-0 Don Bosco team ranked No. 1 in New Jersey. He was credited with 122 tackles and 12.5 sacks and has 330 tackles, 40.5 sacks and five blocked kicks in his career.

In Ohio, Marcus Freeman of Wayne High in Huber Heights is gaining widespread recruiting attention.

In Florida, Keith Rivers of Lake Mary should be on many most-wanted lists.

The top linebackers in Georgia and North Carolina could be Tae Bradford of Hart County in Hartwell, Ga., and Michael Briggs of Ashbrook High in Gastonia, N.C. Bradford was in on 151 tackles last season with five sacks after charting 201 stops as a sophomore. Briggs has 417 career tackles with 10 sacks, including 189 stops and seven sacks as a junior.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Los Alamitos expects to have one of California's best teams after going 13-0-1 last season. A major reason is the presence of the *Cal-Hi Sports* magazine's state Junior of the Year, Randy Estes. The hard-hitting safety was in on 135 tackles with six sacks and four pass interceptions in 2002.

Glenville High in Cleveland may have had the most talented secondary in the land last season, but two of the players who comprised it have gone on to Ohio State. Remaining is cover corner Ted Ginn, who some observers regard as the state's No. 1 prospect.

In Texas, Marcus Walker of Waco High returns for his third season with all-star plaudits.

OTHER PREP SENIORS TO WATCH

	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
QUARTERBACKS		
Eric Ainge	Glencoe	Hillsboro, OR
Blake Barnes	Baldwyn	Baldwyn, MS
Alonzo Bryant	Peach County	Fort Valley, GA
Jamar Bryant	Richmond	Rockingham, NC
Lee Bujakowski	Hopewell	Hopewell, VA
Kyle Carson	Castle Rock	Castle Rock, WA
Britt Davis	Riverside-Brookfield	Riverside, IL
Daniel Evans	Broughton	Raleigh, NC
Blake Field	Cairo	Cairo, GA
Rob Florian	Elder	Cincinnati, OH
Kirby Freeman	Brownwood	Brownwood, TX
Sean Glennon	Westfield	Chantilly, VA
Joe Ganz	Stagg	Chicago, IL
Max Hall	Mountain View	Mesa, AZ
Graham Harrell	Ennis	Ennis, TX
Rocky Hinds	St. Bernard's	Playa Del Rey, CA
Brian Hoyer	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH
Darrell Jackson	Webster Groves	Webster Groves,MO
Sean Lewis	Richards	Oak Lawn, IL
Anthony Lindsey	North	Bloomington, IN
Andru Maisto	New Britian	New Britain, CT
Ryan Moore	McCallie School	Chattanooga, TN
Alex Mortensen	Landmark Christian	Fairburn, GA
Darren Mougey	Chaparral	Scottsdale, AZ
Dan Nicholson	Brother Rice	Chicago, IL
Sean Norton	Hart	Newhall, CA
Curtis Painter	Vincennes	Vincennes, IN
Chase Patton	Rock Bridge	Columbia, MO
Ryan Pond	Western Branch	Chesapeake, VA
Robbie Reid	North Shore	Houston, TX
Gary Rogers	Kamiak	Mukilteo, WA
Mike Teel	Don Bosco Prep	Ramsey, NJ
John Thomas	Southside	Fort Smith, AR
Anthony Turner	Chaminade-Julienne	Dayton, OH
Erik Walden	Central	Thomasville, GA
Ryan Walters	Grandview	Aurora, CO
Drew Weatherford	Land O'Lakes	Land O'Lakes, FL
John Parker Wilson	Hoover	Hoover, AL
Jeff Ziemnik	Oswego	Oswego, IL
RUNNING BACKS		
Tarrion Adams	Moore	Moore, OK
Lou Allen	New London	New London, CT
Tim Ball	Carrollton	Carrollton, TX
Levonte Barber	Cleveland	Cleveland, TN
Karl Bartholomew	Chalmette	Chalmette, LA
Derrick Beckworth	Elmira Free	Elmira, NY
George Bell	Jack Britt	Fayetteville, NC
Ian Bell	Muir	Pasadena, CA
Ryan Benning	Pontiac	Pontiac, IL
Mark Bonds	Warren Central	Indianapolis, IN
Corey Booker	Oak Ridge	Oak Ridge, TN
Ahmad Bradshaw	Graham	Bluefield, VA
Mayy Caffey	Romeoville	Romeoville, IL
Antwain Carey	Deep Creek	Chesapeake, VA
Greg Coleman Jr.	West	Iowa City, IA
Tony Dixon	Parrish	Parrish, AL
Mark Dunn	Harrodsburg	Harrodsburg, KY
Jamaal Edwards	Dudley	Greensboro, NC
Travis Evans	Westside	Macon, GA
Rodney Ferguson	Manzano	Albuquerque, NM
Patrick Gates	Marian Catholic	San Diego, CA
Ashlin Grady	Dowling	W. Des Moines, IA
Shonn Greene	Winslow Township	Atco, NJ
Michael Gresham	Clinton	Clinton, OK
Brandon Gunn	Central	Omaha, NE
Matt Hahn	St. Anthony's	Melville, NY
Terron Hall	Sussex Central	Georgetown, DE
Mike Hart	Onondaga	Nedrow, NY
Brandon Hawkins	Gwynn Park	Brandywine, MD
Anthony Heygood	Cardinal O'Hara	Springfield, PA
Peyton Hillis	Conway	Conway, AR
Justin Hoskins	Creston	Grand Rapids, MI
Phillip Hyde	Sandy Creek	Tyrone, GA
Corey James	Valdosta	Valdosta, GA
Charlie Jones	South Dade	Homestead, FL
Dwayne Jones	North	Toms River, NJ
Dan Lawlor	Cumberland Valley	Mechanicsburg, PA
Brad Lester	Parkview	Lilburn, GA
Jay Lucas	Redemptorist	Baton Rouge, LA
Kendrick Lynch	Dorman	Spartanburg, SC
Markus Manson	Hillcrest	Tuscaloosa, AL
LeAndre Matthews	East Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA
Tramell McGill	Hamilton	Chandler, AZ
Pete Medrano	Braddock	Miami, FL
Raymond Neal	King	Tampa, FL
Erick Newman	South	Downers Grove, IL
Leon Pennington	Hallandale	Hallandale, FL
Patrick Perry	Banning	Wilmington, CA
Chris Rodriguez	Marian Catholic	Chicago Hts., IL
Gary Russell	Walnut Ridge	Columbus, OH
Jason Scales	Valley	W. Des Moines, IA
Lenford Small	Auburndale	Auburndale, FL
Keondra Smith	Lee	Tyler, TX
Tracy Stiger	Russellville	Russellville, AR
Raynold Stowers	Iolani	Honolulu, HI
Sampson Taylor	The Woodlands	The Woodlands, TX
Carlos Thomas	Murray-Wright	Detroit, MI
Jamario Thomas	Spring Hill	Longview, TX
Jamil Walker	Fremd	Palatine, IL
Jerald Watson	Central Catholic	Morgan City, LA
Jermell Whorton	Ben Davis	Indianapolis, IN
Gerwin Williams	Grant	Sacramento, CA
Ja'Kouri Williams	Plaquemine	Plaquemine, LA
Pernell Williams	Chaminade-Julienne	Dayton, OH
Raymond Williams	Benedictine	Cleveland, OH
Ken Wilson	Liberal	Liberal, KS
UTILITY PLAYERS		
D.J. Wolfe	Eisenhower	Lawton, OK
Kaysonne Anderson	Manasquan	Manasquan, NJ
Keauntea Bankhead	Ballard	Seattle, WA
J.J. Bedle	Keyport	Keyport, NJ
Michael Bell	Shaker Heights	Shaker Heights,OH
Brock Bolen	Valley View	Germantown, OH
Thomas Brown	Tucker	Tucker, GA
Adam Campbell	Hialeah	Hialeah, FL
Joe Coniglio	Boylan	Rockford, IL
Chris Covington	Brookwood	Snellville, GA
Alan Darlin	Laguna Creek	Elk Grove, CA
D.J. Davis	Dunbar	Fort Worth, TX
Edgar Givens	Central	New Madrid, MO
Trimaine Goddard	Roanoke	Robertsonville, NC
Darin Harris	Decatur	Federal Way, WA
Erin Henderson	Aberdeen	Aberdeen, MD
Jesse Henderson	Paris	Paris, TX
Jacob Hester	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, LA
Dwayne Holmes	Ford	Detroit, MI
Justin Jackson	George County	Lucedale, MS
Terrell Jackson	Puckett	Puckett, MS
Marcus Lee	St. John's	Washington, DC
Marquis Liverpool	Don Bosco Prep	Ramsey, NJ
Keith Lloyd	Millard North	Omaha, NE
Devon Lyons	Woodland Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Anthony Miller	Stevens	Edison, NJ
William Moore	Hayti	Hayti, MO
Damon Morton	J.W. North	Riverside, CA
Joey Munn	Foothill	Pleasanton, CA
Chris Nickson	Pike County	Brundidge, AL
Jeremy Orr	Ford	Detroit, MI
Cedric Peerman	William Campbell	Naruna, VA
Doug Pickens	Brother Rice	Birmingham, MI
Marcus Randle El	Thornton	Harvey, IL
Robbie Reid	North Shore	Houston, TX
Clarence Robinson	Corsicana	Corsicana, TX
Michael Scott	Screven Couny	Sylvania, GA
Brandon Siler	Evans	Orlando, FL
Tony Sotelo	Poca	Poca, WV
Chris Spinner	Liberty	Bedford, VA
Nathan Swift	Hutchinson	Hutchinson, MN
Will Taufoou	St. Francis	Mountain View, CA
Greg Turner	Driscoll	Addison, IL
WIDE RECEIVERS		
Adrian Arrington	Washington	Cedar Rapids, IA
Brian Barmann	West Platte	Weston, MO
Brandon Barrett	Martinsburg	Martinsburg, WV
Will Barrow	Baldwin	Baldwin, NY
Adrian Brown	Randallstown	Randallstown, MD
Michael Bumpus	Culver City	Culver City, CA
Paul Byers	Marysville	Marysville, KS
Cameron Colvin	De La Salle	Concord, CA
Deon Curry	Detroit Country Day	Beverly Hills, MI
Marcus Edwards	Lafayette	Mayo, FL
Rudy Fleming	McClintock	Tempe, AZ
William Franklin	Vashon	St. Louis, MO
Kellen Freeman-Davis	Adrian	Adrian, MI

	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Chris Geisz	Lindbergh	St. Louis, MO
Jeremy Gilchrist	Salem	Virginia Beach, VA
Ryan Graves	Muir	Pasadena, CA
Carl Grimes	St. Martin DePorres	Detroit, MI
Martinez Hall	Choctawhatchee	Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Lamar Herron	Natomas	Sacramento, CA
Lendy Holmes	South Oak Cliff	Dallas, TX
Lamar Hughes	N. Fla. Christian	Tallahassee, FL
Kyle Jackson	Fletcher	Neptune Beach, FL
Calvin Johnson	Sandy Creek	Tyrone, GA
Derrick Jones	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Nathan Jones	Texas High	Texarkana, TX
Robert Jordan	Tulare	Tulare, CA
Cedric Logan	Fayetteville	Fayetteville, AR
Derek McPherson	DeMatha	Hyattsville, MD
Anthony Miller	Stevens	Edison, NJ
Slade Norris	Jesuit	Portland, ORE
John Peel	Chaparral	Scottsdale, AZ
Mark Rubin	Amherst	Amherst, NY
Jordan Shipley	Burnet	Burnet, TX
Jack Simmons	Carmel	Carmel, IL
Trumaine Smith	Warrensville Hts.	Warrens. Hts., OH
Ronald Steele	John Carroll	Birmingham, AL
Kenton Thornton	St. Mark's	Dallas, TX
Matt Urutia	Fern Creek	Louisville, KY
George Walker	Westbury	Houston, TX
Miles Williams	Austintown Fitch	Youngstown, OH
TIGHT ENDS		
Brandon Allen	Venice	Venice, FL
Mike Barr	Payson	Payson, AZ
Joe Bragg	Morgantown	Morgantown, WV
Kevin Bryant	Lufkin	Lufkin, TX
Tate Casey	Longview	Longview, TX
Mit Cole	Picayune	Picayune, MS
Hugh D'Imperio	Washington Township	Sewell, NJ
Travis Ferguson	East	Waterloo, IA
Brandon Holland	Northside	Roanoke, VA
Mike Lucian	Linganore	Frederick, MD
Scott Raymond	Park Hill	Kansas City, MO
Peter Ullman	Round Rock	Rock Rock, TX
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Tyler Ashby	Ballard	Seattle, WA
Brandon Armstrong	Northmont	Clayton, OH
Dumaka Atkins	Booker	Sarasota, FL
Nyaire Aumaitre	Woodrow Wilson	Camden, NJ
Craig Bokar	Hopewell	Aliquippa, PA
Alex Boone	St. Edward	Lakewood, OH
Wyatt Bowman	Cumberland Valley	Mechanicsburg, PA
John Bradshaw	Stafford	Fredericksburg, VA
Brandon Braxton	Ursuline	Youngstown, OH
Scott Burley	Woodlawn	Woodlawn, MD
Ryan Bush	Rogers	Pullayup, WA
Tyrone Byrd	Hightower	Fort Bend, TX
Gerald Cadogan	Portsmouth	Portsmouth, OH
Rob Cameron	Start	Toledo, OH
Corey Chavers	Jamesville-DeWitt	Jamesville, NY
Jeremy Ciulla	Kennesaw Mountain	Kennesaw M., GA
Robert Clark	Weatherford	Weatherford, TX
Chase Clowser	Keystone	LaGrange, OH
Andy Clus	Lake Worth	Lake Worth, FL
Garrett Collins	Columbine	Littleton, CO
Zach Copple	Southeast	Lincoln, NE
Glenn Davis	University Lab	Baton Rouge, LA
Patrick Dawson	Central Catholic	Greensburg, PA
Justin Delancy	Martin County	Stuart, FL
Bobby Dockter	Kamiak	Mukilteo, WA
Greg Dolan	Westwood	Round Rock, TX
Jeffrey Farr	Pell City	Pell City, AL
Ray Feinga	Hunter	Salt Lake City, UT
David Faaeteete	North Medford	Medford, OR
Alex Fletcher	St. Anthony's	Melville, NY
Tom Gagliardi	Moon Valley	Phoenix, AZ
Lamont Gray	Anacostia	Washington, DC
JaMarcus Green	Snider	Fort Wayne, IN
Jordan Grimes	Plainfield	Plainfield, IN
Dan Gury	Monarch	Monarch, CO
Greg Harrison	Shenandoah Valley	Shenandoah, PA
Todd Hasselhorst	Olathe East	Olathe, KS
Brian Hilts	Bishop Dwenger	Fort Wayne, IN
Jacob Hucko	Cerritos	Cerritos, CA
Troy James	Byrnes	Duncan, SC
Micah Jones	Mayfield	Mayfield, KY
Herman Johnson	Ryan	Denton, TX
John Kadous	Salpointe	Tucson, AZ
Corey Lambert	Greenville	Greenville, SC
Brandon Luther	Bradford County	Starke, FL
Norris Malele	Carson	Carson, CA
Charles McDaniel	Carter	Dallas, TX
Bradis McGriff	Vallejo	Vallejo, CA
Drew Miller	Riverview	Sarasota, FL
Ryan Miller	Barbe	Lake Charles, LA
Greg Mombert	Sheldon	Eugene, OR
Brandon Montgomery	Evergreen	Hillcrest, AL
Danny Muy	Lincoln	Tallahassee, FL
Brandon Nicolas	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, CA
Andy Payton	West	Waterloo, IA
Ben Person	Xenia	Xenia, OH
John Poe	St. Johns	St. Johns, AZ
J. D. Quinn	Garland	Garland, TX
Chalas Rachal	Dominguez	Compton, CA
Kyle Riggs	Festus	Festus, MO
Danny Romanoski	Dundalk	Baltimore, MD
Brent Russum	Lewiston	Lewiston, ID
Cameron Schacht	Coppell	Coppell, TX
A. Q. Shipley	Moon	Coraopolis, PA
Roland Terry	Lamar	Meridian, MS
Phil Trautwein	Eastern	Voorhees, NJ
David Traxler	Jackson Academy	Jackson, MS
Adam Ulatoski	Carroll	Southlake, TX
Cody Wallace	Cuero	Cuero, TX
Jason Watkins	Lake Gibson	Lakeland, FL
Seth Watts	Washington County	Sandersville, GA
David Weber	Upper Merion	King of Prussia, PA
Jo Jo Wilson	Powell	Powell, TN
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Rhyan Anderson	Oak Creek	Oak Creek, WI
Freddie Barnett	Texarkana	Texarkana, TX
Corey Bennett	Roosevelt	San Antonio, TX
Ted Bentier	Assumption	Davenport, IA
Adam Blankenship	Union	Tulsa, OK
Demonte Bolden	Tyner Academy	Chattanooga, YN
Joe Bozikovich	Wilson	Portland, OR
Alan Branch	Cibola	Albuquerque, NM
Rob Bruggean	Washington	Cedar Rapids, IA
Dorian Capers	Battery Creek	Burton, SC
Brandon Daniel	Ely	Pompano Beach, FL
Zach Davidson	Racine Park	Racine, WI
Corey Davis	Peabody	Pittsburgh, PA
Antonio Dixon	Washington	Miami, FL
Glenn Dorsey	East Ascension	Gonzales, LA
Randy Faletoi	McKinley	Honolulu, HI
Aaron Fernandez	Red Mountain	Mesa, AZ
Justin Fisher	Henderson County	Henderson, KY
Paul Griffin	Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
Brigham Harwell	Los Altos	Hacienda Hts., CA
Brett Helms	Stuttgart	Stuttgart, AR
Dwayne Hendricks	Millville	Millville, NJ
Thomas Herring	Fremont	Los Angeles, CA
Demario Hughes	MacKenzie	Detroit, MI
Tyson Jackson	West St. John	Edgard, LA
Charles Johnson	Hawkinsville	Hawkinsville, GA
Ryan Johnson	Carter	Dallas, TX
Joe Joseph	Oak Ridge	Orlando, FL
Derek Lakey	Ryan	Denton, TX
Chris Long	St. Anne's	Charlottesville, VA
Mike Mayer	Snohomish	Snohomish, WA
Mike Massey	St. Ignatius	Cleveland, OH
LeMonte McGhee	Person	Roxboro, NC
Kenneth McManus	Woodson	Washington, DC
Phillip Mbakagu	Hayward	Hayward, CA
Dalton Memal	South	Parkersburg, WV
Jimmy Miller	Westlake	Westlake Village, CA
Cyril Obiozor	Pearland	Pearland, TX
Matt Putnam	Box Elder	Brigham City, UT
Matt Rayear	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	Bamberg, SC
Darrell Reid	Buffalo Grove	Buffalo Grove, IL
Chris Smith	Allen	Allen, TX
David Smith	Hamilton	Chandler, AZ
Nick Smith	GlenOak	Canton, OH
Brian Snow	Delcastle	Wilmington, DE
Ronald Talley	Renaissance	Detroit, MI
Shannon Tevaga	La Mirada	La Mirada, CA
Justin Tougas	Glens Falls	Glens Falls, NY
LINEBACKERS		
Van Alexander	Rock Bridge	Columbia, MO

	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Mike Alteri	Amsterdam	Amsterdam, NY
Eric Andino	Buffalo Grove	Buffalo Grove, IL
Robert Ayers	Marlboro County	Bennettsville, SC
Neil Barnes	Raymore-Peculiar	Peculiar, MO
Garrett Bliss	Durango	Durango, CO
Justin Britt	Cullman	Cullman, AL
James Bryant	Reading	Reading, PA
Joe Casertano	North Penn	Lansdale, PA
James Cheatham	Milford Mill	Baltimore, MD
Jed Collins	Mission Viejo	Mission Viejo, CA
Maurice Crum	Tampa Bay Tech	Tampa, FL
Curtis Dawson	Hoover	Hoover, AL
Jordan Dizon	Waimea	Waimea, HI
Javier Estopinan	South Miami	Miami, FL
Setele Faateete	San Leandro	San Leandro, CA
Steve Gandy	Wayne County	Waynesboro, MS
Eugene Germany	Pomona	Pomona, CA
Chris Graham	Warren Central	Indianapolis, IN
Alex Hamill	Lake City	Couer d'Alene, ID
Bryce Hardy	Mountain View	Mesa, AZ
Mark Hicks	Edmondson	Baltimore, MD
C. J. Honeycutt	Manatee	Bradenton, FL
Chad Hoobler	Carrollton	Carrollton, OH
Garren Jim	Carencro	Lafayette, LA
Quinn Johnson	West St. John	Edgard, LA
Bradley Jones	East Lansing	East Lansing, MI
Mitch King	Burlington	Burlington, IA
Matt Kroul	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon, IA
Jerod Mayo	Keoughtan	Hampton, VA
Patrick McKillop	Bellarmine Prep	Seattle, WA
Scott McKillop	Kiski Area	Vadergrift, PA
Bruce Mompremier	Edison	Miami, FL
Gary Pack	Oak Grove	Oak Grove, MS
Mark Parent	St. Paul	Santa Fe Springs, CA
Tyrell Sales	Butler	Butler, PA
Luke Sanders	West Monroe	West Monroe, LA
Zac Snider	Union	Tulsa, OK
Marlin Simmons	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Josh Stephens	West	Bakersfield, CA
John Thompson	Crockett	Detroit, MI
Brian Tracz	St. Joseph's Prep	Philadelphia, PA
Trent Tuiasosopo	Mariner	Everett, WA
Ian Van Horne	Brentwood	Brentwood, TN

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Kevin Allen	Highland Springs	High. Springs, VA
Zach Barrett	Reitz	Evansville, IN
Brett Bowers	Trinity Christian	Jacksonville, FL
Bobby Buchanan	Joliet Catholic	Joliet, IL
Tony Carter	Mandarin	Jacksonville, FL
Simeon Castille	Briarwood Christian	Birmingham, AL
Toney Collins	Leonard	Lake Worth, FL
Paul Crews	Northern Vance	Henderson, NC
Brad Fletcher	Liberty	Youngstown, OH
Quinton Gardner	Lee	Tyler, TX
Willie Glasper	De La Salle	Concord, CA
Cortney Grixby	Central	Omaha, NE
Adam Gunn	Kiski Area	Vandergrift, PA
Kenny Ingram	Edgewater	Orlando, FL
Jeff Jack	Madison	Houston, TX
Kyle Jackson	Fletcher	Neptune Beach, FL
Tony Joiner	Haines City	Haines City, FL
Aaron Johns	Thomasville	Thomasville, AL
Andrew Kelson	Lamar	Houston, TX
Adrian Kindred	Opelika	Opelika, AL
Shaun Lane	Hubbard	Hubbard, OH
Lamar Lewis	Trinity Christian	Jacksonville, FL
Nate Lyles	Hubbard	Chicago, IL
Joe Marianacci	Wyoming Area	Exeter, PA
R. J. Meadows	Beech	Hendersonville, TN
Nick Passarelli	Central	Naperville, IL
Ryan Payton	South Hills	Covina, CA
Matterial Richardson	Marlin	Marlin, TX
Specer Ridenhour	White Plains	White Plains, NY
Charles Stewart	Harrison	Farmington Hills, MI
Bobby Tatum	Dunbar	Fort Worth, TX
Johnny Thacker	Alto	Alto, TX
Kenny Tinney	Ansonia	Ansonia, CT
Morgan Trent	St. Mary's	Orchard Lake, MI
Brandon Underwood	Hamilton	Hamilton, OH
Christian Varner	Randallstown	Randallstown, MD
Neil Walker	Pine-Richland	Gibsonia, PA
Steve Walker	Buchtel	Akron, PA
Mike Ziarnowski	Immaculata	Somerville, NJ

KICKERS

Connor Barth	Hoggard	Wilmington, NC
Tony Bernatos	Central Dauphin	Harrisburg, PA
Gary Cismesia	Lakewood Ranch	Bradenton, FL
Jeremy Davis	Southside	Fort Smith, AR
Blake Dorchak	Fort Myers	Fort Myers, FL
Juan Gamboa	Bellarmine	San Jose, CA
Chris Harris	Putnam City North	Oklahoma City, OK
Garrett Hartley	Carroll	Southlake, TX
Eric Lenz	Urbana	Ijamsville, MD
Trent Lyons	McCook	McCook, NE
Adam Mercer	Bowling Green	Bowling Green, KY
Aaron Perez	Charter Oak	West Covina, CA
Mike Raab	Kimball	Royal Oak, MI
Jason Reda	Rock Island	Rock Island, IL

50 JUNIORS TO WATCH

Alabama
Montez Billings, WR, Pelham
Anthony Dunning, DL, Coffeeville

Arkansas
Todd Bryan, PK, Bryant
Slick Shelly, WR, Fort Smith Southside
Kevin Thornton, DB, Little Rock Central

California
Jeremy Childs, WR, Los Alamitos
Jordan Congdon, PK, San Diego St. Augustine
Jason Forcier, QB, Santa Ana Mater Dei
Prince Hall, LB, Moreno Valley
Jacob Hickman, OL, Bakersfield Centennial
Syd Thompson, DB, Sacramento Grant
Aaron Ware, Ath., Westlake Village Oaks Christian

Florida
Jarrett Brown, QB, Palm Beach Lakes
Chis Chancellor, DB, Miami Edison
Matt Lewis, DL, Daytona Beach Mainland
Fred Rouse, WR, Tallahassee Lincoln
Antone Smith, RB, Pahokee
Alex Thompson, QB, Gainesville Buchholz

Georgia
James Davis, RB, Atlanta Douglass
Cedric Johnson, DB, Americus

Illinois
Joey Coia, WR, Riverside-Brookfield

Kentucky
Kelvin Turner, RB, Danville

Louisiana
Marcus Green, RB, Bastrop

Maryland
Joe Akers, OL, Parkton Hereford
Derrick Williams, DB-WR, Greenbelt Roosevelt

Michigan
Kevin Grady, RB, East Grand Rapids

Missouri
D. J. Hord, Ath., Kansas City Rockhurst

New Jersey
Jake Brownell, PK, West Deptford
Rich Gunnell, WR, Trenton Notre Dame

New York
Jason Gwaltney, RB, North Babylon
Greg Paulus, QB, Syracuse CBA
Justin Schifano, OL, Webster Schroeder

North Carolina
Tony Baker, RB, Jamestown Ragsdale
Mohamed Massaquoi, WR, Charlotte Independence

Ohio
A. J. Haas, OL, Akron Copley
Mario Manningham, WR, Warren Harding
Jamario O'Neal, DB, Mansfield

Oklahoma
Reggie Smith, DB, Edmond Santa Fe

Pennsylvania
Justin King, DB-RB, Monroeville Gateway
Morgan Thomas, OL, Allentown Parkland

Tennessee
Patrick Turner, WR, Madison Goodpasture
Lamon Williams, WR, Kingsport Dobbins-Bennett

Texas
Adam Dennis, RB, Pasadena Dobie
Byron Eaton, QB, Dallas Lincoln
Mark Green, LB, Mesquite
Javorskie Lane, RB, Lufkin
Henry Milton, RB, Grapevine

Utah
Matt Reynolds, OL, Provo Timpvieww

Virgina
Vicqual Hall, Ath., Gretna
Elan Lewis, RB, Hampton Phoebus

25 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH

HOOVER, AL (13-1 in '02)

The defending state Class 6A champion Bucs will be seeking a fourth straight finals berth and third title with 10 returning starters. Hoover boosted its schedule, which includes seven playoff teams, with a game against Louisiana prep powerhouse Evangel Christian of Shreveport. Quarterback John Parker Wilson triggers the offense after passing for 2,627 yards and 26 TDs last season. The defense is anchored by 6-3, 263-pound linebacker Curtis Dawson along with defensive back Cory Reamer and end Jeremie Hollifield. Fullback Josh Smyth and all-purpose B.T. Hartloge also return.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, MESA, AZ (14-0)

The Toros return nine starters among 38 lettermen from a Class 5A state championship juggernaut that outscored foes 602-34. The offense is led by quarterback Max Hall, who passed for 2,384 yards and 26 TDs, and wide receivers Drew Mugleston and Brendan McGowan. Two mammoth tackles, Devin Clark and Dustin Jones, anchor the front lines. Arizona's Defensive Player of the Year, Bryce Hardy, returns at linebacker to anchor the defense. He's joined by defensive back Spencer Perkinson and end McKay Carling.

DE LA SALLE, CONCORD, CA (13-0)

The Spartans will seek a fourth straight mythical national championship while entering the season with an all-time-record 138-game win streak. Ranked No. 1 the last three years in the *Student Sports* FAB 50 and by *USA Today's* Super 25, *De La Salle's* schedule includes a midseason showdown against Evangel Christian of Shreveport, the 1999 FAB 50 national champion. Key Spartan returnees include all-state defensive back Willie Glaspar (5-10, 175 pounds), linebacker Parker Hanks (6-0, 205) and two-way back Jackie Bates (5-11, 180).

LOS ALAMITOS, CA (13-0-1)

Sixteen starters—eight on each side of the ball—make the defending state Southern Section Division I champion a team to beat. Preseason All-American Randy Estes, a 6-2, 190-pound defensive back, was the state Junior of the Year, while wide receiver Jeremy Childs (6-2, 170) was named the state Sophomore of the Year by *Cal-Hi Sports* magazine. Junior quarterback Jimmy Barnes (6-4, 215) will run the offense behind three returning linemen.

MATER DEI, SANTA ANA, CA (10-4)

Ten starters are back from a team that advanced to the state Southern Section Division I finals. Touted junior quarterback Jason Forcier returns to run an offense that includes 6-5, 270-pound Brandon Nicholas and 6-3, 250-pound Jason Bovard, a pair of two-way linemen and college prospects. Other key seniors include linebacker Ray Andong, cornerback Matt Paulino and two-way back Justin Guzman. Junior veterans returning include fullback James Brunt and offensive guard Tyler Perkins.

LINCOLN, TALLAHASSEE, FL (12-1-1)

Seven offensive and five defensive regulars return as Lincoln reloads for another state-title run. Quarterback Joe Bauserman (6-2, 225) is back after passing for more than 2,500 yards last season. Preseason All-American Calvin Darity (6-4, 270) anchors the offensive line. Tight end Craig Gilhart (6-3, 230) is big target. Rodney Gallon (6-1, 210) is an active linebacker.

PALM BAY, MELBOURNE, FL (13-2)

The Pirates have the nation's fastest track sprinter returning in wide receiver Xavier Carter (6-3, 190) and two new transfer additions in tailback Robert Morris (5-10, 185) and quarterback Sean Wideberg (6-0, 175). Morris returns to Palm Bay from Melbourne Central Catholic, where he rushed for nearly 2,000 yards last season. Besides Carter, eight other veterans are back from the defending state Class 4A champions. Included are center Nick Paris (6-2, 295), defensive end Russell Francis (6-2, 250) and linebacker Kevarris Cohen (6-0, 235).

Randy Estes, DB, Los Alamitos (CA)

PARKVIEW, LILBURN, GA (15-0)

The Panthers enter the season with a state-record 45-game win streak while seeking their fourth straight state Class 5A title. Leading the charge will be five offensive and six defensive starters, including a trio of third-year regulars—running back Brad Lester (5-10, 180), wide receiver Greg Suddeth (6-3, 200) and middle linebacker Demetrius Alexander (6-0, 200).

LOCKPORT, IL (13-1)

A promising junior class is expected to lead the defending state Class 8A champions. That includes quarterback Jake Christianson (6-0, 190), wide receiver George Katalak (6-2, 190) and running back Dan Brady (6-0, 175). Five starters return on defense, including linebackers Ryan Kunce (6-1, 205) and Brian Lagiglia (6-2, 210). The main concern is rebuilding the offensive line.

WARREN CENTRAL, INDIANAPOLIS, IN (12-1)

The Warriors are loaded with veterans from last season's team that outscored foes 616-161 and rushed for a state-record 5,646 yards. Seven offensive and nine defensive starters return, including four 1,000-yard rushers: four-year regular Mark Bonds (5-11, 220), Aaron Lacey (6-1, 210), Stephen Willis (5-9, 191) and quarterback Desmond Tardy (6-1, 181). Anchoring the defense is all-state linebacker Chris Graham (6-0, 211). The Warriors will play defending Ohio Division I champion Cincinnati Elder in an early-season showdown.

TRINITY, LOUISVILLE, KY (15-0)

All-state quarterback Brian Brohm (6-4, 200), who was featured last season on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, returns to help the Shamrocks bid for a third straight state Class 4A title. Brohm passed for 3,777 yards and 47 TDs with only one interception last season. He's one of three offensive regulars returning. Eight veteran defensive players include two all-state linemen—Alex Temple (6-1, 220) and Blake Nix (6-3, 195).

EVANGEL CHRISTIAN, SHREVEPORT, LA (14-1)

The Eagles have won three of the last four state Class 5A titles and will face their most ambitious schedule in school history. Foes include two-time defending national champion De La Salle of Concord, Calif., plus state champions from Alabama (Hoover) and Missouri (Rockhurst). Despite losing quarterback John David Booty early to the University of Southern California, the Eagles retain nine offensive starters and seven defensive

regulars from last season. Heading the list will be preseason All-American Chris Bowers, a 6-3, 240-pound defensive lineman, and running back/linebacker Jacob Hester (6-1, 235).

WAYNE COUNTY, WAYNESBORO, MS (14-1)

The defending state Class 5A champion returns nine defensive starters among 13 regulars and 34 lettermen. All-state linebacker Steve Gandy anchors the defense, which includes end Ced Jones, strong safety Marzell McGill and 6-2, 305-pound junior nose guard Jerrell Powe. The top two running backs return in Michael McLaughlin and Jerrod Sims, but the quarterback spot is up for grabs. Tackle Keyon Harris (6-2, 295) should open some holes.

ROCKHURST, KANSAS CITY, MO (13-0)

Preseason All-American running back Tony Temple (5-9, 185) returns for his fourth starting season after rushing for 2,034 yards last year—the third time he's been over 1,000 yards. Two-way back Steve Redmond (6-1, 205) and touted junior D.J. Hord (6-1, 180) are veterans along with senior Allan Smith (6-2, 180). The line is anchored by Brian Trowman (6-4, 350).

MILLARD NORTH, OMAHA, NE (12-1)

Six offensive and six defensive starters are back from a state Class A runner-up team. Taking over at quarterback will be Adam Shada (6-1, 185), a former cornerback. Fullback/linebacker Keith Lloyd (6-1, 240), free safety Jake Galusha (6-0, 195) and all-state offensive lineman Seth Olsen (6-5, 305) are stalwarts. A touted transfer from Oklahoma, two-way lineman Adam Shroeder (6-4, 270), joins the mix.

DON BOSCO PREP, RAMSEY, NJ (12-0)

Last season's top-rated New Jersey team was loaded with underclassmen, including four all-state selections. The returnees include preseason All-American linebacker Brian Toal (6-2, 230), quarterback Mike Teel (6-2, 200), wide receiver Marquise Liverpool (5-9, 185) and defensive tackle Eric Cumba (6-3, 305). Top juniors include wide receiver/cornerback Michael Ray Garvin and fullback/linebacker Brad Atkinson.

RICHMOND SENIOR, ROCKINGHAM, NC (12-1)

Jamar Bryant (6-2, 195) returns for his third year at quarterback and is one of six offensive starters returning to go with seven defensive veterans. Tailback Marcus Rush (5-8, 185) rushed for 1,300 yards last season. Veteran wide receivers include Greg Crump (6-4, 190) and Marcus Quick (6-3, 180). Linebacker/defensive end Lavender Thomas (6-3, 235) is a stopper.

ELDER, CINCINNATI, OH (14-1)

The defending state Division I champion has 11 returning starters, five on offense and six on defense, to open defense of the crown. The offense will be run by quarterback Rob Florian (5-10, 175), with tailback Bradley Glotthaar (6-1, 225) and fullback Pat Lysoght (6-0, 220) adding support. End Mike Zielosko (6-1, 205), tackle Tiny Stegeman (6-1, 210) and linebacker Seth Priestle (6-0, 205) anchor the defense.

WARREN HARDING, WARREN, OH (14-1)

Eight offensive starters and three defensive regulars are back from last season's state Division I runner-up team. Mix in two key transfers—tailback Delbert Ferguson (6-1, 215), one of Ohio's top prospects, and quarterback Alex Engram (5-10, 187), a move-in from Texas. Returning veterans include running back Richard Davis, a 1,400-yard rusher, defensive tackle Phil McNeal, plus touted juniors Mario Manningham, a wide receiver, and defensive end Anthony Hoke, who had 19 sacks last season.

UNION, TULSA, OK (14-0)

The defending state Class 6A champs have five offensive veterans and seven defensive starters on hand from last season's juggernaut. Quarterback Jake Spavital (6-2, 175) and center Ryan McInerney (6-2, 255) anchor the offense. End Adam Blankenship (6-4, 230), linebacker Zac Snider (6-3, 210) and back Ty Bohannon (6-1, 180) are keys to the defense.

PARKLAND, ALLENTOWN, PA (14-1)

The defending state Class 4A champions return seven defensive and six offensive starters, including quarterback Phil Searfoss (6-2, 185). Tight end Jason Jones (6-4, 250), who missed last season after starting as a sophomore, is back. The defense is anchored by end Travis Decker (6-3, 240) and linebacker Adam Atiyeh (6-2, 230). Offensive tackle Morgan Thomas (6-4, 305) is a touted junior.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREP, PHILADELPHIA, PA (13-0)

Fourteen regulars return from an unbeaten team as "The Prep" seeks its third straight Philadelphia Catholic League title. Facing a challenging schedule, St. Joseph's will be led by fullback/linebacker Brian Tracz (6-2, 235), versatile Dan Jones (5-8, 165) and tight end/defensive end Matt Parkhurst (6-3, 235). Quarterback is the key spot to fill.

CARROLL, SOUTHLAKE, TX (16-0)

Carroll won the state title in its first season in Class 5A-II and enters the season with nine returning starters, including six on offense. All-staters back include offensive tackle Adam Ulatoski (6-6, 280) and placekicker Garrett Hartley, who kicked 90 conversions and 14 of 16 field goals last season. Junior Chase Daniel (6-1, 205), a regular wide receiver in 2002, will contend for the quarterback job.

LUFKIN, TX (12-3)

Fourteen starters—seven on each side of the ball—give this perennial contender a head start this season. The entire offensive line is intact for the third straight year, with Texas A&M recruit Kevin Bryan (6-4, 240) leading the way at tight end. Junior running back Javorski Lane (6-1, 220) is a threat. Two linebackers will be third-year starters—Tyson Kirksey (5-11, 218) and Aaron Darks (6-1, 220).

ARROWHEAD, HARTLAND, WI (12-2)

Last season's state Division I runner-up will bid for its ninth state final in 11 years with 14 returning starters returning—seven on each side of the line. All-state defensive end Nick Hayden (6-5, 265) is a prime-time college recruit. Offensive lineman Joe Niklasch (6-4, 272) and linebacker Tim Hoy (6-3, 237) are among other key veterans. Running back Dan Tshanez (6-1, 188) rushed for 1,600 yards last season.

Brian Toal, LB, Don Bosco Prep (NJ)

2003 NCAA Division I Schedules

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Schedules compiled by STATS Inc.

Air Force Air Force Academy, CO

A. 30	Wofford		
S. 6	@NORTHWESTERN		52-3
S. 13	North Texas		
S. 20	Wyoming		26-34
S. 27	@BRIGHAM YOUNG		52-9
O. 4	@NAVY		48-7
O. 11	UNLV		49-32
O. 16	@COLORADO STATE		12-31
N. 1	Utah		30-26
N. 8	Army		49-30
N. 15	@NEW MEXICO		38-31 (OT)
N. 22	@SAN DIEGO STATE		34-38

Coach: Fisher DeBerry *Colors:* Silver & Blue
Nickname: Falcons *2002 Record:* 8-5

Akron Akron, OH

A. 28	Kent State		48-10
S. 6	@WISCONSIN		
S. 13	Eastern Michigan		34-42
S. 20	Howard		
S. 27	@BUFFALO		21-10
O. 4	@MIAMI (OH)		31-48
O. 11	Cal Poly		
O. 18	UCF		17-28
O. 25	@CONNECTICUT		
N. 1	@MARSHALL		34-20
N. 8	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN		17-24
N. 15	Ohio		10-27

Coach: Lee Owens *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips *2002 Record:* 4-8

Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL

A. 30	South Florida		
S. 6	Oklahoma		27-37
S. 13	Kentucky		
S. 20	Northern Illinois		
S. 27	Arkansas		30-12
O. 4	@GEORGIA		25-27
O. 11	Southern Mississippi		20-7
O. 18	@MISSISSIPPI		42-7
O. 25	Tennessee		34-14
N. 8	@MISSISSIPPI STATE		28-14
N. 15	LSU		31-0
N. 22	@AUBURN		7-17
N. 29	@HAWAII		21-16

Coach: Mike Shula *Colors:* Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide *2002 Record:* 10-3

Alabama A&M Normal, AL

A. 30	Jacksonville State		
S. 6	Tennessee State		25-21
S. 13	@GRAMBLING STATE@		19-31
S. 20	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE		24-13
S. 27	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M		15-12
O. 4	Texas Southern		21-14
O. 11	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY		27-11
O. 18	@SAVANNAH STATE		
O. 25	@ALABAMA STATE#		23-20
N. 8	Jackson State		11-13
N. 15	@ALCORN STATE		27-20
N. 22	Arkansas-Pine Bluff		39-19

@ At Shreveport, LA
# At Birmingham, AL

Coach: Anthony Jones *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 8-4

Alabama State Montgomery, AL

A. 30	@FLORIDA A&M@		
S. 13	Alcorn State		37-48
S. 20	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF		26-32
S. 27	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY		
O. 11	@JACKSON STATE		24-20
O. 18	Prairie View A&M		
O. 25	Alabama A&M#		20-23
N. 8	Grambling State		21-34
N. 15	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE		10-13 (OT)
N. 22	@TEXAS SOUTHERN		43-32
N. 27	Tuskegee		20-25

@ At Pontiac, MI
# At Birmingham, AL

Coach: L.C. Cole *Colors:* Black & Old Gold
Nickname: Hornets *2002 Record:* 6-6

Albany Albany, NY

S. 6	@NORTHEASTERN		
S. 13	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE		21-12
S. 20	Brown		
S. 27	Sacred Heart		38-17
O. 4	St. Peter's		
O. 11	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)		49-21
O. 18	@MONMOUTH		19-7
O. 25	Stony Brook		20-24
N. 1	@WAGNER		35-14
N. 8	Robert Morris		32-7
N. 15	@TOWSON		

Coach: Bob Ford *Colors:* Purple & Gold
Nickname: Great Danes *2002 Record:* 8-4

Alcorn State Alcorn State, MS

A. 30	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF		34-24
S. 6	Grambling State		35-41
S. 13	@ALABAMA STATE		48-37
S. 27	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN		
O. 4	@FORT VALLEY STATE		10-7
O. 11	Prairie View A&M		33-13
O. 18	@TEXAS SOUTHERN		
O. 25	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY		22-20
N. 1	Southeastern Louisiana		
N. 8	Mississippi Valley State		6-23
N. 15	Alabama A&M		20-27
N. 22	@JACKSON STATE		20-34

Coach: Dr. Johnny Thomas *Colors:* Alcorn Purple & Old Gold
Nickname: Braves *2002 Record:* 6-5

Appalachian State Boone, NC

A. 30	@HAWAII		
S. 6	@EASTERN KENTUCKY		36-38
S. 20	Morehead State		
S. 27	@CITADEL		37-28
O. 4	East Tennessee State		29-10
O. 11	@FURMAN		16-15
O. 18	Georgia Southern		20-36
O. 25	@WOFFORD		19-26
N. 1	Chattanooga		20-17
N. 8	@ELON		
N. 15	Western Carolina		24-14

Coach: Jerry Moore *Colors:* Black & Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers *2002 Record:* 8-4

Arizona Tucson, AZ

A. 30	UTEP		
S. 6	LSU		
S. 13	Oregon		14-31
S. 20	@PURDUE		
S. 27	TCU		
O. 4	@WASHINGTON STATE		13-21
O. 11	UCLA		7-37
O. 25	@CALIFORNIA		52-41
N. 1	@OREGON STATE		3-38
N. 8	Washington		28-32
N. 15	USC		
N. 28	@ARIZONA STATE		20-34

Coach: John Mackovic *Colors:* Cardinal & Navy
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 4-8

Arizona State Tempe, AZ

S. 6	Northern Arizona		
S. 13	Utah State		
S. 20	@IOWA		
S. 27	@OREGON STATE		13-9
O. 4	USC		13-34
O. 11	Oregon		45-42
O. 18	@NORTH CAROLINA		35-38
O. 25	@UCLA		
N. 1	California		38-55
N. 8	@STANFORD		65-24
N. 15	@WASHINGTON STATE		22-44
N. 28	Arizona		34-20

Coach: Dirk Koetter *Colors:* Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils *2002 Record:* 8-6

Arkansas Fayetteville, AR

S. 6	Tulsa		
S. 13	@TEXAS		
S. 20	North Texas@		
S. 27	@ALABAMA		12-30
O. 11	Auburn		38-17
O. 18	Florida		
O. 25	@MISSISSIPPI		48-28
N. 1	@KENTUCKY		7-29
N. 8	South Carolina		3-0
N. 15	New Mexico State		
N. 22	Mississippi State		26-19
N. 29	@LSU		21-20

@ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Houston Nutt *Colors:* Cardinal & White
Nickname: Razorbacks *2002 Record:* 9-5

Arkansas State State University, AR

A. 30	@TEXAS A&M		
S. 6	Tennessee-Martin		30-18
S. 13	Southeast Missouri State		
S. 20	@TULSA		21-19
S. 27	@MEMPHIS		
O. 4	Louisiana-Monroe		33-21
O. 11	@MISSISSIPPI		17-52
O. 25	@UTAH STATE		
N. 1	@NEW MEXICO STATE		21-26
N. 8	Idaho		38-29
N. 15	@NORTH TEXAS		10-13
N. 22	Middle Tennessee State		13-7

Coach: Steve Roberts *Colors:* Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Indians *2002 Record:* 6-7

Arkansas-Pine Bluff Pine Bluff, AR

A. 30	Alcorn State		24-34
S. 6	Mississippi Valley State		36-30 (OT)
S. 11	@CENTRAL ARKANSAS		
S. 20	Alabama State		32-26
S. 27	@KENTUCKY STATE#		44-47 (OT)
O. 4	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY		13-14
O. 11	Texas Southern		20-42
O. 18	Grambling State		15-54
N. 1	@JACKSON STATE		0-42
N. 8	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M		44-0
N. 22	@ALABAMA A&M		19-39

@ At Little Rock, AR
# At St. Louis, MO
S At San Antonio, TX

Coach: Lee Hardman *Colors:* Black & Gold
Nickname: Golden Lions *2002 Record:* 3-8

Army West Point, NY

S. 6	Connecticut		
S. 13	Rutgers		9-44
S. 20	Tulane		14-10
S. 27	South Florida		
O. 4	@TCU		27-46
O. 11	@LOUISVILLE		14-45
O. 18	East Carolina		24-59
O. 25	@CINCINNATI		
N. 1	@UAB		26-29
N. 8	@AIR FORCE		30-49
N. 15	Houston		42-56
N. 22	@HAWAII		
D. 6	@NAVY		12-58

Coach: Todd Berry *Colors:* Black, Gold & Gray
Nickname: Black Knights *2002 Record:* 1-11

Auburn Auburn, AL

A. 30	USC		17-24
S. 6	@GEORGIA TECH		
S. 13	@VANDERBILT		31-6
S. 27	Western Kentucky		
O. 4	Tennessee		
O. 11	@ARKANSAS		17-38
O. 18	Mississippi State		12-14
O. 25	@LSU		7-17
N. 1	Louisiana-Monroe		24-14
N. 8	Mississippi		31-24
N. 15	@GEORGIA		21-24
N. 22	Alabama		17-7

Coach: Tommy Tuberville *Colors:* Burnt Orange & Navy Blue
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 9-4

Austin Peay State Clarksville, TN

A. 28	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN		
S. 6	Campbellsville		45-36
S. 13	Valparaiso		28-24
S. 20	@DAYTON		0-42
S. 27	Kentucky Wesleyan		23-21
O. 4	Butler		40-23
O. 11	@MOREHEAD STATE		25-45
O. 18	Jacksonville		20-16
O. 25	@DAVIDSON		28-49
N. 1	St. Joseph's (IN)		45-0
N. 8	@VIRGINIA MILITARY		

Coach: Carroll McCray *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Governors *2002 Record:* 7-5

Ball State Muncie, IN

A. 30	Indiana State		23-2
S. 6	Missouri		6-41
S. 13	@PITTSBURGH		
S. 20	Central Michigan		38-21
S. 27	@BOSTON COLLEGE		
O. 4	@KENT STATE		
O. 18	Miami (OH)		
O. 25	Toledo		17-37
N. 1	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS		29-41
N. 8	@WESTERN MICHIGAN		17-7
N. 15	@EASTERN MICHIGAN		42-17
N. 22	Bowling Green		20-38

Coach: Brady Hoke *Colors:* Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinals *2002 Record:* 6-6

Baylor Waco, TX

A. 30	UAB		
S. 6	@NORTH TEXAS		
S. 13	Southern Methodist		
S. 20	Sam Houston State		
O. 4	Colorado		0-34
O. 11	@TEXAS A&M		0-41
O. 18	@KANSAS		35-32
O. 25	Texas		0-41
N. 1	@KANSAS STATE		10-44
N. 8	Texas Tech		11-62
N. 15	@OKLAHOMA		9-49
N. 22	Oklahoma State		28-63

Coach: Guy Morriss *Colors:* Green & Gold
Nickname: Bears *2002 Record:* 3-9

Bethune-Cookman Daytona Beach, FL

A. 30	Savannah State@		41-9
S. 20	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL		31-0
S. 27	@NORFOLK STATE		49-7
O. 4	Morgan State		41-27
O. 11	@DELAWARE STATE		49-7
O. 18	South Carolina State		21-6
N. 1	North Carolina A&T		13-12
N. 8	Hampton		7-37
N. 15	@HOWARD		46-27
N. 22	Florida A&M#		37-10

@ At Jacksonville, FL
# At Orlando, FL

Coach: Alvin Wyatt *Colors:* Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 11-2

Boise State Boise, ID

S. 6	Idaho State		
S. 13	@IDAHO		38-21
S. 20	@OREGON STATE		
S. 27	Wyoming		35-13
O. 4	@LOUISIANA TECH		36-10
O. 11	Tulsa		52-24
O. 18	@SOUTHERN METHODIST		
O. 25	San Jose State		49-8
N. 7	@BRIGHAM YOUNG		
N. 15	UTEP		58-3
N. 21	@FRESNO STATE		67-21
N. 29	Nevada		44-7
D. 6	@HAWAII		58-31

Coach: Dan Hawkins *Colors:* Blue & Orange
Nickname: Broncos *2002 Record:* 12-1

Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA

A. 30	Wake Forest		
S. 6	@PENN STATE		
S. 13	@CONNECTICUT		24-16
S. 20	Miami (FL)		6-38
S. 27	Ball State		
O. 11	@TEMPLE		36-14
O. 18	@SYRACUSE		41-20
O. 25	Notre Dame		14-7
N. 1	Pittsburgh		16-19 (OT)
N. 8	West Virginia		14-24
N. 15	@RUTGERS		44-14
N. 22	@VIRGINIA TECH		23-28

Coach: Tom O'Brien *Colors:* Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Eagles *2002 Record:* 9-4

Bowling Green Bowling Green, OH

A. 28	Eastern Kentucky	W	
S. 6	@PURDUE	W	
S. 13	Liberty	W	
S. 20	@OHIO STATE	L	
O. 4	Central Michigan	W	45-35
O. 11	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	48-45 (OT)
O. 18	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	33-21
O. 25	Northern Illinois	W	[illegible]
N. 4	@MIAMI (OH)	W	[illegible]
N. 15	Kent State	W	45-14
N. 22	@BALL STATE	W	38-20
N. 28	Toledo	W	24-42

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Coach: Gregg Brandon *Colors:* Brown & Orange
Nickname: Falcons *2002 Record:* 9-3

Brigham Young Provo, UT

A. 28	Georgia Tech	W	19-[illegible]
S. 6	@USC	L	
S. 13	@NEW MEXICO	W	16-20
S. 20	Stanford	L	
S. 27	Air Force	L	9-52
O. 4	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	34-10
O. 9	Colorado State	L	10-37
O. 18	@WYOMING	L	35-31
O. 25	@UNLV	W	3-24
N. 7	Boise State	L	
N. 15	@NOTRE DAME	L	
N. 22	Utah	L	6-13

4-8

Coach: Gary Crowton *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Cougars *2002 Record:* 5-7

Brown Providence, RI

S. 20	@ALBANY	W	
S. 27	@HARVARD	L	24-26
O. 4	Rhode Island	L	28-38
O. 11	Fordham	L	17-24
O. 18	Princeton	L	14-16
O. 25	@CORNELL	W	7-10 (OT)
N. 1	Pennsylvania	L	7-31
N. 8	@YALE	W	27-31
N. 15	Dartmouth	W	21-18
N. 22	@COLUMBIA	W	35-28

5-5

Coach: Phil Estes *Colors:* Brown, Red & White
Nickname: Bears *2002 Record:* 2-8

Bucknell Lewisburg, PA

A. 30	Duquesne	W	14-35
S. 6	@DELAWARE STATE	W	27-13
S. 20	@CORNELL	L	14-3
S. 27	@COLUMBIA	L	
O. 4	@FORDHAM	W	7-34
O. 11	@PENNSYLVANIA	L	
O. 18	Towson	W	14-20
O. 25	@COLGATE	L	10-13 (OT)
N. 1	Holy Cross	W	21-38
N. 8	@LAFAYETTE	L	3-19
N. 15	Lehigh	L	0-24
N. 22	Georgetown	W	31-32

6-6

Coach: Tim Landis *Colors:* Blue & Orange
Nickname: Bison *2002 Record:* 2-9

Buffalo Buffalo, NY

A. 30	@RUTGERS	L	34-11
S. 6	@IOWA	L	
S. 13	Colgate	L	
S. 20	Connecticut	L	3-24
S. 27	Akron	L	10-21
O. 4	@UCF	L	21-45
O. 11	@MIAMI (OH)	L	0-49
O. 18	Marshall	L	21-66
O. 25	Ohio	W	32-34
N. 1	@TOLEDO	L	
N. 8	Northern Illinois	L	
N. 22	@KENT STATE	L	12-16

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Coach: Jim Hofher *Colors:* Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Bulls *2002 Record:* 1-11

Butler Indianapolis, IN

S. 6	@TIFFIN	L	24-31
S. 13	@DUQUESNE	L	
S. 20	Davidson	L	
S. 27	@WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT	L	43-29
O. 4	@AUSTIN PEAY	L	23-40
O. 11	St. Francis (IN)	L	
O. 18	@DRAKE	L	48-44
O. 25	Dayton	L	0-41
N. 1	@SAN DIEGO	L	26-35
N. 8	Valparaiso	W	52-22
N. 15	St. Joseph's (IN)	W	

2-9

Coach: Kit Cartwright *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 4-6

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CA

S. 6	@UTEP	W	
S. 13	Sacramento State	W	17-27
S. 20	Montana State	W	
S. 27	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	L	24-31
O. 4	@MONTANA	L	
O. 11	@AKRON	L	
O. 18	St. Mary's	W	17-35
N. 1	Southern Utah	W	27-21
N. 8	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	W	14-28
N. 15	Idaho State	L	14-24
N. 22	Humboldt State	W	30-0

7-4

Coach: Rich Ellerson *Colors:* Green & Gold
Nickname: Mustangs *2002 Record:* 3-8

California Berkeley, CA

A. 23	@KANSAS STATE@	W	
A. 30	Southern Mississippi	W	
S. 6	Colorado State	W	
S. 11	@UTAH	L	
S. 20	@ILLINOIS	W	
S. 27	USC	W	28-30
O. 4	Oregon State	L	13-24
O. 18	@UCLA	W	17-12
O. 25	Arizona	W	[illegible]
N. 1	@ARIZONA STATE	W	[illegible]
N. 8	@OREGON	W	[illegible]
N. 15	Washington	W	34-27
N. 22	@STANFORD	W	30-7
@ At Kansas City, MO			

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Coach: Jeff Tedford *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Bears *2002 Record:* 7-5

Central Connecticut State New Britain, CT

A. 30	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	
S. 6	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	3-52
S. 13	Albany	L	12-21
S. 20	Sacred Heart	L	3-17
S. 27	@SIENA	W	
O. 4	@WAGNER	L	24-17
O. 11	Robert Morris	L	0-14
O. 25	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W	28-10
N. 1	Monmouth	W	10-9
N. 8	@STONY BROOK	L	10-24
N. 15	@MARIST	L	

3-8

Coach: Paul Schudel *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils *2002 Record:* 5-6

Central Florida Orlando, FL

A. 31	@VIRGINIA TECH	L	
S. 13	Florida Atlantic	W	
S. 20	@SYRACUSE	L	35-38
S. 27	@KENT STATE	L	32-6
O. 4	Buffalo	W	45-21
O. 11	@OHIO	L	42-32
O. 18	@AKRON	L	28-17
O. 25	Central Michigan	W	
N. 1	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	
N. 8	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	L	
N. 19	Marshall	L	21-26
N. 28	Miami (OH)	L	48-31

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Coach: Mike Kruczek *Colors:* Gold & Black
Nickname: Golden Knights *2002 Record:* 7-5

Central Michigan Mount Pleasant, MI

A. 30	@MICHIGAN	L	
S. 6	New Hampshire	W	
S. 13	Eastern Kentucky	W	
S. 20	@BALL STATE	L	21-38
O. 4	@BOWLING GREEN	L	35-45
O. 11	Northern Illinois	L	0-49
O. 18	Toledo	L	17-44
O. 25	@UCF	L	
N. 1	Eastern Michigan	W	47-21
N. 8	Akron	L	24-17
N. 15	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	L	10-35
N. 22	@NAVY	L	

3-9

Coach: Mike DeBord *Colors:* Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Chippewas *2002 Record:* 4-8

Charleston Southern Charleston, SC

A. 30	@CITADEL	L	19-53
S. 6	@WINGATE	L	
S. 13	Presbyterian	L	6-26
S. 20	West Virginia State	W	10-3
S. 27	Tusculum	L	
O. 11	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	L	24-27
O. 25	@NORTH GREENVILLE	L	9-0
N. 1	Liberty	L	17-31
N. 8	@GARDNER-WEBB	L	15-57
N. 15	@JAMES MADISON	L	
N. 22	Coastal Carolina	L	

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Coach: Jay Mills *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers *2002 Record:* 4-8

Chattanooga Chattanooga, TN

A. 28	Samford	L	
S. 6	@VANDERBILT	L	
S. 13	Tennessee Tech	L	3-13
S. 20	@GARDNER-WEBB	L	24-26
S. 27	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L	10-38
O. 4	Wofford	L	21-27 (OT)
O. 18	@ELON	W	
O. 25	Western Carolina	W	28-45
N. 1	@APPALACHIAN STATE	L	17-20
N. 8	Citadel	W	34-31
N. 15	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	L	27-10
N. 22	Furman	L	7-35

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Coach: Rodney Allison *Colors:* Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Mocs *2002 Record:* 2-10

Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH

S. 1	East Carolina	W	42-26
S. 13	@WEST VIRGINIA	W	32-35
S. 20	Temple	L	35-22
S. 27	@MIAMI (OH)	L	26-31
O. 4	Southern Mississippi	L	14-23
O. 11	@UAB	L	31-23
O. 25	Army	W	
N. 1	@SOUTH FLORIDA	W	
N. 8	Rhode Island	W	
N. 15	@TCU	L	36-29 (OT)
N. 22	@MEMPHIS	L	48-10
N. 29	Louisville	L	24-14

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Coach: Rick Minter *Colors:* Red & Black
Nickname: Bearcats *2002 Record:* 7-7

The Citadel Charleston, SC

A. 30	Charleston Southern	W	53-19
S. 6	@DELAWARE	L	24-[illegible]
S. 13	@MARYLAND	L	
S. 20	@WESTERN CAROLINA	L	34-37
S. 27	Appalachian State	W	28-37
O. 4	Elon	W	
O. 18	Furman	W	10-37
O. 25	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W	24-28
N. 1	Wofford	L	14-27
N. 8	@CHATTANOOGA	L	31-34
N. 15	Virginia Military@	W	21-23
N. 22	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	L	26-7
@ At Charlotte, NC			

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Coach: Ellis Johnson *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 3-9

Clemson Clemson, SC

A. 30	Georgia	L	28-31
S. 6	Furman	W	[illegible]
S. 13	Middle Tennessee State	W	[illegible]
S. 20	@GEORGIA TECH	W	24-19
O. 4	@MARYLAND	L	12-30
O. 11	Virginia	W	17-22
O. 18	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	L	[illegible]-38
O. 25	North Carolina	W	[illegible]-12
N. 1	@WAKE FOREST	L	[illegible]-23
N. 8	Florida State	W	31-48
N. 15	Duke	W	34-31
N. 22	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	27-20

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Coach: Tommy Bowden *Colors:* Purple & Orange
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 7-6

Coastal Carolina Conway, SC

S. 6	Newberry	W	
S. 13	Morehead State	L	
S. 20	@JACKSONVILLE	L	
S. 25	@NORTH GREENVILLE	W	
O. 4	Gardner-Webb	L	
O. 11	Charleston Univ	W	
O. 25	@SAVANNAH STATE	W	
N. 1	Virginia Military	L	
N. 8	@DAVIDSON	L	
N. 15	@LIBERTY	L	
N. 22	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W	

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Coach: David Bennett *Colors:* Coastal teal, bronze
Nickname: Chanticleers *2002 Record:* 0-0

Colgate Hamilton, NY

S. 6	@GEORGETOWN	W	44-22
S. 13	@BUFFALO	W	
S. 20	@DARTMOUTH	W	30-26
S. 27	Towson	W	9-7
O. 4	@CORNELL	W	42-13
O. 11	@PRINCETON	W	10-14
O. 18	Yale	W	
O. 25	Bucknell	W	13-10 (OT)
N. 1	@LAFAYETTE	W	31-24
N. 8	Lehigh	W	28-14
N. 15	Fordham	W	31-40
N. 22	@HOLY CROSS	W	25-20

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Coach: Dick Biddle *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Raiders *2002 Record:* 9-3

Colorado Boulder, CO

A. 30	@COLORADO STATE@	W	14-19
S. 6	UCLA	W	31-17
S. 13	Washington State	W	
S. 20	@FLORIDA STATE	L	
O. 4	@BAYLOR	L	34-0
O. 11	Kansas	W	53-29
O. 18	@KANSAS STATE	L	35-31
O. 25	Oklahoma	L	7-29
N. 1	@TEXAS TECH	L	37-13
N. 8	Missouri	W	42-35 (OT)
N. 15	@IOWA STATE	W	41-27
N. 28	Nebraska	L	28-13
@ At Denver, CO			

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Coach: Gary Barnett *Colors:* Silver, Gold & Black
Nickname: Buffaloes *2002 Record:* 9-5

Colorado State Fort Collins, CO

A. 30	Colorado@	L	19-14
S. 6	@CALIFORNIA	W	
S. 13	Weber State	W	
S. 20	Miami (OH)	W	
S. 27	Utah	L	28-20
O. 4	Fresno State	W	30-32
O. 9	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	W	37-10
O. 16	Air Force	W	31-12
N. 1	@WYOMING	L	44-36
N. 7	@NEW MEXICO	L	22-14
N. 15	San Diego State	W	49-21
N. 22	@UNLV	W	33-36
@ At Denver, CO			

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Coach: Sonny Lubick *Colors:* Green & Gold
Nickname: Rams *2002 Record:* 10-4

Columbia New York, NY

S. 20	@FORDHAM	L	13-11
S. 27	Bucknell	W	
O. 4	@PRINCETON	W	32-35
O. 11	@LAFAYETTE	L	21-28
O. 18	Pennsylvania	L	10-45
O. 25	@DARTMOUTH	L	23-24
N. 1	Yale	L	7-35
N. 8	Harvard	W	7-28
N. 15	@CORNELL	W	14-17
N. 22	Brown	L	28-35

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Coach: Bob Shoop *Colors:* Columbia Blue & White
Nickname: Lions *2002 Record:* 1-9

Connecticut Storrs, CT

A. 30	Indiana	W	
S. 6	@ARMY	W	
S. 13	Boston College	L	16-24
S. 20	@BUFFALO	W	24-3
S. 27	@VIRGINIA TECH	L	
O. 4	Lehigh	W	
O. 11	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	L	
O. 18	@KENT STATE	W	63-21
O. 25	Akron	W	
N. 1	Western Michigan	W	
N. 8	Rutgers	W	
N. 15	@WAKE FOREST	W	

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Coach: Randy Edsall *Colors:* National Flag Blue & White
Nickname: Huskies *2002Record:* 6-6

Cornell Ithaca, NY

S. 20	Bucknell	W	3-14
S. 27	@YALE	L	23-50
O. 4	Colgate	L	13-42
O. 11	Harvard	L	23-52
O. 18	Georgetown	L	
O. 25	Brown	L	10-7 (OT)
N. 1	@PRINCETON	L	25-32 (OT)
N. 8	@DARTMOUTH	L	21-19
N. 15	Columbia	L	17-14
N. 22	@PENNSYLVANIA	L	0-31

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Coach: Tim Pendergast *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Big Red *2002 Record:* 4-6

Dartmouth Hanover, NH

S. 20	Colgate	L	26-30
S. 27	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	26-29
O. 4	Pennsylvania	L	14-49
O. 11	@YALE	W	20-17
O. 18	@HOLY CROSS	W	44-36
O. 25	Columbia	W	24-23
N. 1	@HARVARD	W	26-31
N. 8	Cornell	W	19-21
N. 15	@BROWN	L	18-21
N. 22	Princeton	W	30-38

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Coach: John Lyons *Colors:* Dartmouth Green & White
Nickname: Big Green *2002 Record:* 3-7

Davidson Davidson, NC

S. 6	Virginia Military	L	16-41
S. 13	San Diego	W	
S. 20	@BUTLER	W	
S. 27	@EMORY & HENRY	W	44-7
O. 4	Dayton	L	
O. 11	@JACKSONVILLE	W	28-10
O. 18	@MOREHEAD STATE	L	7-1
O. 25	Austin Peay	L	49-28
N. 8	Coastal Carolina	L	
N. 15	@GEORGETOWN	L	21-25

Coach: Michael Toop *Colors:* Red & Black
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 7-3

Dayton Dayton, OH

A. 28	St. Joseph's (IN)	W	
S. 6	@MOREHEAD STATE	W	28-0
S. 13	Ohio Northern	W	
S. 20	Austin Peay	W	42-0
S. 27	St. Peter's	W	
O. 4	@DAVIDSON	L	
O. 11	Valparaiso	L	52-3
O. 18	Tiffin	W	35-20
O. 25	@BUTLER	W	41-0
N. 1	@DRAKE	W	35-7
N. 8	San Diego	L	27-17

Coach: Mike Kelly *Colors:* Red & Blue
Nickname: Flyers *2002 Record:* 11-1

Delaware Newark, DE

S. 6	Citadel	W	20-24
S. 13	Richmond	W	13-15
S. 20	West Chester	W	31-10
S. 27	@HOFSTRA	W	
O. 4	William & Mary	W	42-45
O. 11	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	W	21-9
O. 18	Rhode Island	W	14-17 (OT)
O. 25	@NAVY	W	
N. 1	Maine	W	37-13
N. 8	@NORTHEASTERN	L	27-10
N. 15	Massachusetts	W	7-17
N. 22	@VILLANOVA	W	34-38

Coach: K.C. Keeler *Colors:* Royal Blue & Gold
Nickname: Blue Hens *2002 Record:* 6-6

Delaware State Dover, DE

S. 6	Bucknell	L	13-27
S. 13	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	L	14-34
S. 20	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	L	
S. 27	@FLORIDA A&M	L	18-20
O. 4	@HAMPTON	L	13-44
O. 11	Bethune-Cookman	L	7-49
O. 25	Morgan State	L	28-35 (OT)
N. 1	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	L	27-21
N. 8	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L	7-34
N. 15	Norfolk State	W	20-23
N. 22	Howard	L	14-7

Coach: Benjamin Blacknall *Colors:* Columbia Blue & Red
Nickname: Hornets *2002 Record:* 4-8

Drake Des Moines, IA

A. 28	@ILLINOIS STATE	L	
S. 6	William Penn	W	
S. 13	Missouri-Rolla	W	28-25
S. 20	@WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE	L	
S. 27	@MOREHEAD STATE	L	
O. 4	Jacksonville	W	
O. 11	@SAN DIEGO	L	46-51
O. 18	Butler	L	44-48
O. 25	@VALPARAISO	L	52-35
N. 1	Dayton	L	7-1
N. 8	St. Mary's	W	28-46
N. 15	Waldorf	W	

Coach: Rob Ash *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 5-6

Duke Durham, NC

A. 30	@VIRGINIA	L	22-27
S. 6	Western Carolina	W	
S. 13	Rice	W	
S. 20	Northwestern	L	21-26
S. 27	Florida State	L	17-48
O. 11	@MARYLAND	L	12-45
O. 18	Wake Forest	L	10-36
O. 25	North Carolina State	L	22-24
N. 1	@TENNESSEE	L	
N. 8	Georgia Tech	W	2-17
N. 15	@CLEMSON	L	31-34
N. 22	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	21-23

Coach: Carl Franks *Colors:* Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Blue Devils *2002 Record:* 2-10

Duquesne Pittsburgh, PA

A. 30	@BUCKNELL	L	35-14
S. 13	Butler	W	
S. 20	@PENNSYLVANIA	L	
S. 27	La Salle	W	46-0
O. 4	Siena	W	17-7
O. 11	@IONA	W	59-10
O. 18	St. Peter's	W	14-3
N. 1	@MOREHEAD STATE	L	
N. 8	@MARIST	W	36-0
N. 15	Robert Morris	W	

Coach: Greg Gattuso *Colors:* Red & Blue
Nickname: Dukes *2002 Record:* 11-1

East Carolina Greenville, NC

S. 1	@CINCINNATI	L	26-42
S. 6	West Virginia	L	17-37
S. 13	@MIAMI (FL)	L	
S. 20	@WAKE FOREST	L	22-27
S. 30	Houston	L	54-48 (OT)
O. 11	North Carolina	L	
O. 18	@ARMY	W	59-24
O. 25	Louisville	L	20-44
N. 1	@MEMPHIS	L	
N. 8	South Florida	L	30-46
N. 22	@TULANE	L	24-20
N. 29	Southern Mississippi	L	7-24

Coach: John Thompson *Colors:* Purple & Gold
Nickname: Pirates *2002 Record:* 4-8

East Tennessee State Johnson City, TN

A. 28	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	L	
S. 4	Concord	W	
S. 11	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W	
S. 20	@ELON	L	31-15
S. 27	Western Carolina	L	27-7
O. 4	@APPALACHIAN STATE	L	10-29
O. 18	Liberty	W	
O. 25	@FURMAN	L	0-25
N. 1	Georgia Southern	L	7-40
N. 8	@WOFFORD	L	10-39
N. 15	Chattanooga	W	10-27
N. 22	Citadel	W	7-26

Coach: Paul Hamilton *Colors:* Navy Blue & Old Gold
Nickname: Buccaneers *2002 Record:* 4-8

Eastern Illinois Charleston, IL

A. 30	California (PA)	W	
S. 13	@MISSOURI	L	
S. 20	Illinois State	L	45-10
S. 27	@INDIANA STATE	L	26-19
O. 4	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	L	44-27
O. 11	Eastern Kentucky	W	25-24
O. 18	@MURRAY STATE	W	35-37
O. 25	Tennessee-Martin	W	55-43
N. 1	@TENNESSEE STATE	L	54-48
N. 8	Tennessee Tech	W	35-28
N. 15	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	L	
N. 22	Samford	L	

Coach: Bob Spoo *Colors:* Blue & Gray
Nickname: Panthers *2002 Record:* 8-4

Eastern Kentucky Richmond, KY

A. 28	@BOWLING GREEN	L	
S. 6	Appalachian State	W	28-38
S. 13	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	
S. 20	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	L	
S. 27	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	W	
O. 4	Samford	W	
O. 11	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	24-25
O. 18	Southeast Missouri State	W	21-35
N. 1	@MURRAY STATE	W	31-7
N. 8	Tennessee-Martin	W	58-3
N. 15	@TENNESSEE STATE	W	45-20
N. 22	Tennessee Tech	W	19-0

Coach: Danny Hope *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Colonels *2002 Record:* 8-4

Eastern Michigan Ypsilanti, MI

A. 28	East Tennessee State	W	
S. 4	Western Illinois	L	
S. 13	@AKRON	L	42-34
S. 20	@NAVY	L	
S. 27	Maryland	L	3-45
O. 4	Western Michigan	L	31-33
O. 11	@TOLEDO	L	13-65
O. 18	Bowling Green	L	21-63
N. 1	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	21-47
N. 8	UCF	W	
N. 15	Ball State	W	17-42
N. 22	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L	21-49

Coach: Jeff Woodruff *Colors:* Dark Green & White
Nickname: Eagles *2002 Record:* 3-9

Eastern Washington Cheney, WA

A. 30	@SAN DIEGO STATE	L	
S. 6	@IDAHO	W	
S. 13	Central Washington	W	
S. 20	Southern Utah	W	49-14
S. 27	Weber State	L	38-20
O. 4	@IDAHO STATE	L	14-21
O. 11	Portland State	W	31-34
O. 18	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	L	41-29
O. 25	@SACRAMENTO STATE	W	41-48
N. 8	Montana State	W	14-25
N. 15	@MONTANA	L	30-21

Coach: Paul Wulff *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Eagles *2002 Record:* 6-5

Elon Elon College, NC

A. 30	@FURMAN	L	57
S. 6	Tusculum	L	
S. 13	@HOFSTRA	W	13-27
S. 20	East Tennessee State	W	15-31
S. 27	North Carolina A&T	L	20-34
O. 4	@CITADEL	L	
O. 11	@WOFFORD	L	9-34
O. 18	Chattanooga	L	
O. 25	@TOWSON	L	
N. 1	@WESTERN CAROLINA	L	
N. 8	Appalachian State	L	
N. 15	Georgia Southern	L	

Coach: Al Seagraves *Colors:* Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Phoenix *2002 Record:* 4-7

Florida Gainesville, FL

A. 30	San Jose State	W	
S. 6	@MIAMI (FL)	L	16-41
S. 13	Florida A&M	W	
S. 20	Tennessee	W	30-13
S. 27	@KENTUCKY	W	41-34
O. 4	Mississippi	W	14-17
O. 11	@LSU	W	7-36
O. 18	@ARKANSAS	W	
N. 1	Georgia@	W	20-[illegible]
N. 8	Vanderbilt	W	21-17
N. 15	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	28-7
N. 29	Florida State	L	14-31
@ At Jacksonville, FL			

Coach: Ron Zook *Colors:* Orange & Blue
Nickname: Gators *2002 Record:* 8-5

Florida A&M Tallahassee, FL

A. 30	Alabama State@	L	
S. 6	Morgan State	W	34-16
S. 13	@FLORIDA	L	
S. 20	Tennessee State#	W	37-24
S. 27	Delaware State	W	20-18
O. 4	Jackson State$	W	
O. 11	@HOWARD	L	24-28
O. 18	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L	36-28
O. 25	Norfolk State	W	34-31
N. 1	@HAMPTON	W	25-13
N. 15	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	L	13-31
N. 22	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN%	L	10-37
@ At Pontiac, MI			
# At Atlanta, GA			
$ At Indianapolis, IN			
% At Orlando, FL			

Coach: Billy Joe *Colors:* Orange & Green
Nickname: Rattlers *2002 Record:* 7-5

Florida Atlantic Boca Raton, FL

A. 28	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	W	
S. 6	Valdosta State	L	
S. 13	@UCF	L	
S. 20	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	17-24
S. 27	@ILLINOIS STATE	W	
O. 4	Southwest Texas State	W	
O. 11	Nicholls State	W	22-33
O. 18	Northern Colorado	W	
N. 1	Gardner-Webb	W	
N. 15	Siena	W	
N. 22	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	W	31-21

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger *Colors:* Atlantic Blue and Gray
Nickname: Owls *2002Record:* 2-9

Florida International Miami, FL

S. 6	@INDIANA STATE	L	
S. 13	@MAINE	L	7-33
S. 20	Bethune-Cookman	L	0-31
S. 27	Carson-Newman	W	
O. 4	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L	
O. 9	Stephen F. Austin	L	
O. 18	@TROY STATE	L	
O. 25	Holy Cross	W	
O. 30	Jacksonville	W	39-6
N. 8	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	L	
N. 15	@GARDNER-WEBB	L	14-17
N. 22	Florida Atlantic	L	21-31

Coach: Don Strock *Colors:* Blue and Gold
Nickname: Golden Panthers *2002 Record:* 5-6

Florida State Tallahassee, FL

A. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA	W	40-14
S. 6	Maryland	W	37-10
S. 13	Georgia Tech	W	21-13
S. 20	Colorado	W	
S. 27	@DUKE	W	48-17
O. 11	Miami (FL)	L	27-28
O. 18	@VIRGINIA	W	40-19
O. 25	Wake Forest	W	14-21
N. 1	@NOTRE DAME	W	24-34
N. 8	@CLEMSON	W	48-31
N. 15	North Carolina State	W	7-17
N. 29	@FLORIDA	W	31-14

Coach: Bobby Bowden *Colors:* Garnet & Gold
Nickname: Seminoles *2002 Record:* 9-5

Fordham Bronx, NY

A. 30	LIU-C.W. Post	W	
S. 6	@RHODE ISLAND	W	
S. 13	@LEHIGH	L	23-26 (OT)
S. 20	Columbia	W	11-13
O. 4	Bucknell	L	34-7
O. 11	@BROWN	W	24-17
O. 18	New Haven	W	
O. 25	@LAFAYETTE	W	33-26
N. 1	Georgetown	W	41-10
N. 8	Holy Cross	W	37-27
N. 15	@COLGATE	L	40-31
N. 22	@TOWSON	W	42-14

Coach: Dave Clawson *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Rams *2002 Record:* 10-3

Fresno State Fresno, CA

A. 30	@TENNESSEE	W	
S. 6	Oregon State	W	19-59
S. 13	@OKLAHOMA	L	
S. 20	Louisiana Tech	W	45-13
S. 27	Portland State	W	
O. 4	@COLORADO STATE	L	32-30
O. 11	@HAWAII	L	21-31
O. 25	Rice	W	31-28
N. 1	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	W	30-7
N. 8	@NEVADA	W	30
N. 15	San Jose State	W	19-16
N. 21	Boise State	L	21-67
N. 29	@UTEP	W	

Coach: Pat Hill *Colors:* Cardinal & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 9-5

Furman Greenville, SC

A. 30	Elon	W	57-7
S. 6	@CLEMSON	L	
S. 20	Richmond	W	17-7
S. 27	Gardner-Webb	W	
O. 4	@WESTERN CAROLINA	W	24-23
O. 11	Appalachian State	L	15-16
O. 18	@CITADEL	L	37-10
O. 25	East Tennessee State	W	25-0
N. 8	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L	21-42
N. 15	Wofford	L	23-21
N. 22	@CHATTANOOGA	W	35-7

Coach: Bobby Lamb *Colors:* Purple & White
Nickname: Paladins *2002 Record:* 8-4

Gardner-Webb Boiling Springs, NC

S. 6	@MONTANA STATE	L	
S. 20	Chattanooga	W	26-24
S. 27	@FURMAN	L	
O. 4	@COASTAL CAROLINA	W	
O. 18	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	W	
N. 1	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	L	
N. 8	Charleston Southern	W	57-15
N. 15	Florida International	W	17-14
N. 22	@WESTERN CAROLINA	L	

Coach: Steve Patton *Colors:* Scarlet, White & Black
Nickname: Runnin' Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 9-1

Georgetown Washington, DC

S. 6	Colgate	L	22-44
S. 13	@HOLY CROSS	L	13-41
S. 20	Monmouth	L	
S. 27	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	L	
O. 4	@LAFAYETTE	W	17-35
O. 11	Stony Brook	W	
O. 18	@CORNELL		
O. 25	Lehigh	L	0-69
N. 1	@FORDHAM	L	10-41
N. 8	Towson	L	24-16
N. 15	Davidson	W	25-21
N. 22	@BUCKNELL	L	32-31

Coach: Bob Benson *Colors:* Blue & Gray
Nickname: Hoyas *2002 Record:* 5-6

Georgia Athens, GA

A. 30	@CLEMSON	W	31-28
S. 6	Middle Tennessee State	W	
S. 13	South Carolina		13-7
S. 20	@LSU	L	
O. 4	Alabama	W	27-25
O. 11	@TENNESSEE		18-13
O. 18	@VANDERBILT	W	18-17
O. 25	UAB	W	
N. 1	@FLORIDA	L	13-20
N. 15	Auburn	W	24-21
N. 22	Kentucky	W	52-24
N. 29	@GEORGIA TECH	W	51-7
@ At Jacksonville, FL			

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Coach: Mark Richt **Colors:** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* **2002 Record:** *13-1*

Georgia Southern Statesboro, GA

S. 6	Savannah State	W	
S. 13	@MCNEESE STATE	L	
S. 20	@WOFFORD	W	7-14
S. 27	Chattanooga	W	38-10
O. 4	Florida International	W	
O. 11	Western Carolina		41-24
O. 18	@APPALACHIAN STATE	L	36-20
O. 25	Citadel	L	28-24
N. 1	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	40-7
N. 8	Furman	W	42-21
N. 15	@ELON	W	

7-4

Coach: Mike Sewak **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* **2002 Record:** *11-3*

Georgia Tech Atlanta, GA

A. 28	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	L	28-19
S. 6	Auburn	W	
S. 13	@FLORIDA STATE	L	16-27
S. 20	Clemson	L	19-24
S. 27	@VANDERBILT	W	45-3
O. 4	North Carolina State	W	24-17
O. 11	@WAKE FOREST	W	21-24
O. 23	Maryland	W	[illegible]
N. 8	@DUKE	L	[illegible]
N. 15	North Carolina	W	21-13
N. 22	@VIRGINIA	L	23-15
N. 29	Georgia	L	7-51

7-6

Coach: Chan Gailey **Colors:** *Old Gold & White*
Nickname: *Yellow Jackets* **2002 Record:** *7-6*

Grambling State Grambling, LA

A. 23	@SAN JOSE STATE	L	
S. 6	@ALCORN STATE	W	37-35
S. 13	Alabama A&M@	W	31-19
S. 20	McNeese State	L	20-52
O. 4	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M#	W	35-13
O. 11	Mississippi Valley State	W	
O. 18	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W	54-15
O. 25	@JACKSON STATE	W	52-31
N. 1	Texas Southern	W	42-28
N. 8	@ALABAMA STATE	W	34-21
N. 15	Savannah State	W	
N. 29	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY$	L	24-48
@ At Shreveport, LA			
# At Dallas, TX			
$ At New Orleans, LA			

9-3

Coach: Doug Williams **Colors:** *Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2002 Record:** *11-2*

Hampton Hampton, VA

A. 28	@VILLANOVA	L	
S. 13	@HOWARD	W	51-2
S. 20	Tuskegee@	W	
S. 27	@MORGAN STATE#	W	42-52
O. 4	Delaware State	W	44-13
O. 18	@NORFOLK STATE	W	31-14
O. 25	South Carolina State	L	41-47 (OT)
N. 1	Florida A&M	W	13-25
N. 8	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	L	37-7
N. 15	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L	17-7
N. 22	Savannah State	W	
@ At Cleveland, OH			
# At East Rutherford, NY			

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Coach: Joe Taylor **Colors:** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Pirates* **2002 Record:** *7-5*

Harvard Boston, MA

S. 20	@HOLY CROSS	W	28-23
S. 27	Brown	W	26-24
O. 4	Northeastern	W	14-17
O. 11	@CORNELL	W	52-23
O. 18	Lafayette	W	
O. 25	Princeton	L	24-17
N. 1	Dartmouth	L	31-26
N. 8	@COLUMBIA	L	28-7
N. 15	Pennsylvania	W	9-44
N. 22	@YALE	W	20-13

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Coach: Tim Murphy **Colors:** *Crimson*
Nickname: *Crimson* **2002 Record:** *7-3*

Hawaii Honolulu, HI

A. 30	Appalachian State	W	
S. 13	@USC	L	
S. 20	@UNLV	W	
S. 27	Rice		33-28
O. 4	@TULSA	L	37-14
O. 11	Fresno State	W	31-21
O. 18	@LOUISIANA TECH	W	
O. 25	UTEP	W	31-6
N. 1	@SAN JOSE STATE	W	40-31
N. 15	@NEVADA	W	59-34
N. 22	Army	W	
N. 29	Alabama	L	16-21
D. 6	Boise State	L	31-58

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Coach: June Jones **Colors:** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Warriors* **2002 Record:** *10-4*

Hofstra Hempstead, NY

A. 30	@MARSHALL	L	
S. 6	Maine	L	17-24
S. 13	Elon	L	27-13
S. 20	@JAMES MADISON	L	21-24 (OT)
S. 27	Delaware		
O. 11	Northeastern	W	17-28
O. 18	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	31-28
O. 25	New Hampshire	L	52-28
N. 1	@WILLIAM & MARY	L	3-16
N. 8	Villanova	W	7-35
N. 15	@RHODE ISLAND	L	37-19
N. 22	@LIBERTY	L	32-3

2-10

Coach: Joe Gardi **Colors:** *Blue, White, & Gold*
Nickname: *Pride* **2002 Record:** *6-6*

Holy Cross Worcester, MA

S. 6	@LEHIGH	L	12-21
S. 13	Georgetown	W	41-13
S. 20	Harvard	L	23-28
S. 27	@SAN DIEGO		
O. 4	Yale	L	19-28
O. 11	@TOWSON	L	10-42
O. 18	Dartmouth	L	36-44
O. 25	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	L	
N. 1	@BUCKNELL	L	38-21
N. 8	@FORDHAM	L	27-37
N. 15	Lafayette	L	13-42
N. 22	Colgate	L	20-25

1-11

Coach: Dan Allen **Colors:** *Royal Purple & White*
Nickname: *Crusaders* **2002 Record:** *4-8*

Houston Houston, TX

A. 30	Rice	W	24-10
S. 6	@MICHIGAN	L	
S. 13	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	W	36-7
S. 20	Mississippi State	W	
S. 30	@EAST CAROLINA	W	48-54 (OT)
O. 11	@TULANE	W	13-34
O. 18	Memphis	L	26-21
O. 25	TCU	L	17-34
N. 8	Southern Mississippi	L	
N. 15	@ARMY	W	56-42
N. 22	@LOUISVILLE	L	27-10
N. 29	UAB	W	34-51

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Coach: Art Briles **Colors:** *Scarlet & White*
Nickname: *Cougars* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

Howard Washington, DC

S. 6	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	L	34-31
S. 13	Hampton	L	2-51
S. 20	@AKRON	L	
S. 27	@SAVANNAH STATE	W	
O. 11	Florida A&M	W	28-24
O. 18	@MORGAN STATE	L	20-38
O. 25	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L	20-16
N. 1	@NORFOLK STATE	W	21-0
N. 8	South Carolina State	L	23-9
N. 15	Bethune-Cookman	L	27-46
N. 22	@DELAWARE STATE	W	7-14

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Coach: Rayford T. Petty **Colors:** *Navy Blue & White*
Nickname: *Bison* **2002 Record:** *6-5*

Idaho Moscow, ID

A. 30	Washington State@	L	14-39
S. 6	Eastern Washington	L	
S. 13	Boise State	L	21-38
S. 20	@WASHINGTON	L	27-41
S. 27	@MONTANA	L	31-38
O. 4	@NEW MEXICO STATE	W	31-35
O. 11	North Texas	L	0-10
O. 18	Middle Tennessee State	L	21-18
O. 25	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	L	28-31
N. 8	@ARKANSAS STATE	L	29-38
N. 15	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	14-34
N. 22	Utah State	W	
@ At Seattle, WA			

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Coach: Tom Cable **Colors:** *Silver & Gold*
Nickname: *Vandals* **2002 Record:** *2-10*

Idaho State Pocatello, ID

A. 30	Montana-Western	W	48-7
S. 6	@BOISE STATE	L	
S. 13	Northern Colorado	W	
S. 27	@SACRAMENTO STATE	L	32-24
O. 4	Eastern Washington	W	21-14
O. 11	@MONTANA STATE	W	18-14
O. 18	Montana	W	9-13
O. 25	@WEBER STATE	L	34-0
N. 1	Portland State	W	24-27
N. 8	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	L	46-20
N. 15	@CAL POLY	W	24-14
N. 22	Southern Utah	W	42-17

8-4

Coach: Larry Lewis **Colors:** *Black & Orange*
Nickname: *Bengals* **2002 Record:** *8-3*

Illinois Champaign, IL

A. 30	@MISSOURI@	L	20-33
S. 6	Illinois State	W	
S. 13	@UCLA	L	
S. 20	California	L	
S. 27	Wisconsin	L	37-20
O. 4	@PURDUE	W	38-31 (OT)
O. 11	Michigan State	L	
O. 18	@MICHIGAN	L	28-45
O. 25	Minnesota	L	10-31
N. 1	@IOWA	L	
N. 8	@INDIANA	L	45-14
N. 22	Northwestern	L	31-24
@ At St. Louis, MO			

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Coach: Ron Turner **Colors:** *Orange & Blue*
Nickname: *Fighting Illini* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

Illinois State Normal, IL

A. 28	Drake	W	
S. 6	@ILLINOIS	L	
S. 13	Truman State	W	
S. 20	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	10-45
S. 27	Florida Atlantic		
O. 4	Northern Iowa	L	31-20
O. 11	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	35-14
O. 18	Western Kentucky	L	0-9
O. 25	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	17-24
N. 1	Western Illinois	W	17-22
N. 8	@SMS	W	30-20
N. 15	Indiana State	W	20-12

6-6

Coach: Denver Johnson **Colors:** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Redbirds* **2002 Record:** *6-5*

Indiana Bloomington, IN

A. 30	@CONNECTICUT	L	
S. 6	@WASHINGTON	W	
S. 13	Indiana State	L	
S. 20	Kentucky	L	17-27
S. 27	@MICHIGAN	L	
O. 4	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	21-56
O. 11	Northwestern	L	37-41
O. 25	Ohio State	L	17-45
N. 1	@MINNESOTA	W	
N. 8	Illinois	W	14-45
N. 15	@PENN STATE	L	25-58
N. 22	Purdue	L	10-34

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Coach: Gerry DiNardo **Colors:** *Cream & Crimson*
Nickname: *Hoosiers* **2002 Record:** *3-9*

Indiana State Terre Haute, IN

A. 30	@BALL STATE	L	7-23
S. 6	Florida International	W	
S. 13	@INDIANA	L	
S. 20	@MURRAY STATE	W	34-31 (OT)
S. 27	Eastern Illinois	W	19-26
O. 4	Southern Illinois	L	21-14
O. 11	@NORTHERN IOWA	L	21-19
O. 18	Youngstown State	L	16-31
O. 25	Western Kentucky	L	7-24
N. 1	@SMS	L	23-20 (OT)
N. 8	Western Illinois	L	21-52
N. 15	@ILLINOIS STATE	L	12-20

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Coach: Tim McGuire **Colors:** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Sycamores* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

Iona New Rochelle, NY

S. 6	@SIENA	W	14-7
S. 13	Wagner	W	0-34
S. 27	@MONTCLAIR STATE	W	23-19
O. 4	@MONMOUTH	W	
O. 11	Duquesne	L	10-59
O. 18	Marist	W	17-14
O. 25	Sacred Heart	W	3-30
N. 1	@LA SALLE	W	30-23
N. 8	@ST. PETER'S	W	14-22
N. 15	Stony Brook	L	

6-4

Coach: Fred Mariani **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Gaels* **2002 Record:** *5-6*

Iowa Iowa City, IA

A. 30	Miami (OH)	W	29-24
S. 6	Buffalo	W	
S. 13	@IOWA STATE	W	31-36
S. 20	Arizona State	W	
S. 27	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	44-16
O. 4	Michigan	W	34-9
O. 18	@OHIO STATE	L	
O. 25	Penn State	W	42-35 (OT)
N. 1	Illinois	W	
N. 8	@PURDUE	L	31-28
N. 15	Minnesota	W	45-21
N. 22	@WISCONSIN	W	20-3

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Coach: Kirk Ferentz **Colors:** *Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Hawkeyes* **2002 Record:** *11-2*

Iowa State Ames, IA

A. 30	Northern Iowa	W	
S. 6	Ohio	W	
S. 13	Iowa	L	36-31
S. 27	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS		
O. 4	Oklahoma	L	3-49
O. 11	@TEXAS TECH	L	31-17
O. 18	Texas	L	10-21
O. 25	@NEBRASKA	L	36-14
N. 1	@MISSOURI	L	42-35
N. 8	Kansas State	L	7-58
N. 15	Colorado	L	27-41
N. 22	@KANSAS	L	45-3

2-10

Coach: Dan McCarney **Colors:** *Cardinal & Gold*
Nickname: *Cyclones* **2002 Record:** *7-7*

Jackson State Jackson, MS

A. 30	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	L	
S. 6	North Carolina A&T	L	36-42
S. 13	Tennessee State@	L	31-28
S. 20	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	
S. 27	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	W	36-12
O. 4	@FLORIDA A&M#		
O. 11	Alabama State	L	20-24
O. 18	Southern University	L	36-14
O. 25	Grambling State	L	31-52
N. 1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L	42-0
N. 8	@ALABAMA A&M	L	13-11
N. 22	Alcorn State	L	34-20
@ At Nashville, TN			
# At Indianapolis, IN			

2-10

Coach: James Bell **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2002 Record:** *7-4*

Jacksonville Jacksonville, FL

S. 6	@LENOIR-RHYNE	L	37-27
S. 13	Wingate	W	
S. 20	Coastal Carolina	W	
S. 27	Valparaiso	W	
O. 4	@DRAKE	L	
O. 11	Davidson	L	10-28
O. 18	@AUSTIN PEAY	W	16-20
O. 25	Morehead State	L	14-48
O. 30	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	L	6-39
N. 8	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA		
N. 15	Webber International	W	

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Coach: Steve Gilbert **Colors:** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Dolphins* **2002 Record:** *3-7*

Jacksonville State Jacksonville, AL

A. 30	@ALABAMA A&M	L	20-17
S. 13	North Alabama	L	
S. 20	@KANSAS	L	
S. 27	Eastern Kentucky	W	
O. 4	@MURRAY STATE	L	
O. 11	Tennessee-Martin	W	
O. 18	@TENNESSEE STATE	W	
O. 25	Tennessee Tech	W	35-29
N. 8	@SAMFORD	W	37-23
N. 15	Eastern Illinois	W	
N. 22	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	W	

7-4

Coach: Jack Crowe **Colors:** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Gamecocks* **2002 Record:** *5-6*

James Madison Harrisonburg, VA

A. 30	Liberty	W	
S. 6	@VIRGINIA TECH	L	
S. 20	Hofstra	W	24-21 (OT)
S. 27	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	7-14
O. 4	@VILLANOVA	L	26-30
O. 11	Richmond	W	0-26
O. 18	@WILLIAM & MARY	W	34-31 (OT)
O. 25	@MAINE	L	6-17
N. 1	Rhode Island	L	15-11
N. 8	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	20-14
N. 15	Charleston Southern	W	
N. 22	Northeastern	L	10-41

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Coach: Mickey Matthews **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Dukes* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

Kansas Lawrence, KS

A.	30	Northwestern	
S.	6	UNLV	20-31
S.	13	@WYOMING	
S.	20	Jacksonville State	
O.	4	Missouri	12-36
O.	11	@COLORADO	39-53
O.	18	Baylor	12-35
O.	25	@KANSAS STATE	0-64
N.	1	@TEXAS A&M	22-47
N.	8	Nebraska	7-45
N.	15	@OKLAHOMA STATE	20-55
N.	22	Iowa State	3-45

Coach: Mark Mangino *Colors:* Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Jayhawks *2002 Record:* 2-10

Kansas State Manhattan, KS

A.	23	California@	
A.	30	Troy State	
S.	6	McNeese State	
S.	13	Massachusetts	
S.	20	Marshall	
O.	4	@TEXAS	14-17
O.	11	@OKLAHOMA STATE	44-9
O.	18	Colorado	31-35
O.	25	Kansas	64-0
N.	1	Baylor	44-10
N.	8	@IOWA STATE	58-7
N.	15	@NEBRASKA	49-13
N.	22	Missouri	38-0
		@ At Kansas City, MO	

Coach: Bill Snyder *Colors:* Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 11-2

Kent State Kent, OH

A.	28	@AKRON	10-48
S.	6	@PITTSBURGH	
S.	13	Youngstown State	
S.	20	@PENN STATE	
S.	27	UCF	6-32
O.	4	Ball State	
O.	11	@MARSHALL	21-42
O.	18	Connecticut	21-63
O.	25	Miami (OH)	20-27
N.	8	@OHIO	0-50
N.	15	@BOWLING GREEN	14-45
N.	22	Buffalo	16-12

Coach: Dean Pees *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes *2002 Record:* 3-9

Kentucky Lexington, KY

A.	31	Louisville	22-17
S.	6	Murray State	
S.	13	@ALABAMA	
S.	20	@INDIANA	27-17
S.	27	Florida	34-41
O.	11	@SOUTH CAROLINA	12-16
O.	18	Ohio	
O.	25	Mississippi State	45-24
N.	1	Arkansas	29-17
N.	15	@VANDERBILT	41-21
N.	22	@GEORGIA	24-52
N.	29	Tennessee	0-24

Coach: Rich Brooks *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 7-5

La Salle Philadelphia, PA

S.	6	@WAGNER	7-12
S.	19	@COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	
S.	27	@DUQUESNE	0-46
O.	4	St. Francis (PA)	16-23
O.	11	@MARIST	23-49
O.	18	Catholic University	15-26
O.	25	Monmouth	
N.	1	Iona	23-30
N.	8	@SIENA	28-21
N.	15	St. Peter's	2-55

Coach: Archie Slaicup *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Explorers *2002 Record:* 2-9

Lafayette Easton, PA

S.	6	Marist	
S.	13	@TOWSON	23-7
S.	27	Princeton	19-34
O.	4	Georgetown	35-17
O.	11	Columbia	28-21
O.	18	@HARVARD	
O.	25	Fordham	26-33
N.	1	Colgate	24-31
N.	8	Bucknell	19-3
N.	15	@HOLY CROSS	42-13
N.	22	@LEHIGH	14-7

Coach: Frank Tavani *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Leopards *2002 Record:* 7-5

Lehigh Bethlehem, PA

S.	6	Holy Cross	11-12
S.	13	Fordham	26-23 (OT)
S.	20	@PRINCETON	31-24
S.	27	Pennsylvania	21-24
O.	4	@CONNECTICUT	
O.	11	St. Mary's	
O.	25	@GEORGETOWN	69-0
N.	1	Towson	19-23
N.	8	@COLGATE	14-28
N.	15	@BUCKNELL	24-0
N.	22	Lafayette	7-14

Coach: Pete Lembo *Colors:* Brown & White
Nickname: Mountain Hawks *2002 Record:* 8-4

Liberty Lynchburg, VA

A.	30	@JAMES MADISON	
S.	6	@TOLEDO	
S.	13	@BOWLING GREEN	
S.	27	Youngstown State	
O.	4	Virginia Military	14-38
O.	18	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	
N.	1	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	31-17
N.	15	Coastal Carolina	
N.	22	Hofstra	3-32

Coach: Ken Karcher *Colors:* Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Flames *2002 Record:* 2-9

Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA

A.	30	Miami (FL)	
S.	6	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
S.	13	@MICHIGAN STATE	
S.	20	@FRESNO STATE	13-45
O.	4	Boise State	10-36
O.	11	@UTEP	38-24
O.	18	Hawaii	
O.	25	@NEVADA	50-47
N.	1	@LSU	
N.	8	Southern Methodist	34-37
N.	15	@TULSA	53-9
N.	29	Rice	20-37

Coach: Jack Bicknell III *Colors:* Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 4-8

Louisiana-Lafayette Lafayette, LA

A.	30	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
S.	6	Louisiana Tech	
S.	13	Houston	17-36
S.	20	@MINNESOTA	11-35
S.	27	@NORTH TEXAS	0-27
O.	4	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
O.	11	Louisiana-Monroe	10-34
O.	18	New Mexico State	28-31
O.	25	Idaho	31-28
N.	1	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	
N.	8	Florida International	
N.	15	Middle Tennessee State	35-48

Coach: Rickey Bustle *Colors:* Vermillion & White
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns *2002 Record:* 3-9

Louisiana-Monroe Monroe, LA

A.	30	@LSU	
S.	6	Stephen F. Austin	
S.	13	@MISSISSIPPI	3-31
S.	20	Northwestern State	
S.	27	@UTAH STATE	51-48 (OT)
O.	4	@ARKANSAS STATE	21-33
O.	11	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	34-10
O.	25	New Mexico State	21-34
N.	1	@AUBURN	14-52
N.	8	North Texas	2-41
N.	15	Idaho	34-14
N.	22	@TROY STATE	

Coach: Charlie Weatherbie *Colors:* Cardinal Red & Gold
Nickname: Indians *2002 Record:* 3-9

Louisville Louisville, KY

A.	31	@KENTUCKY	17-22
S.	13	@SYRACUSE	
S.	20	UTEP	
S.	27	Temple	
O.	4	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
O.	11	Army	45-14
O.	18	Tulane	
O.	25	@EAST CAROLINA	14-20
N.	4	@TCU	14-45
N.	15	Memphis	38-32
N.	22	Houston	10-27
N.	29	@CINCINNATI	14-24

Coach: Bob Petrino *Colors:* Red, White & Black
Nickname: Cardinals *2002 Record:* 7-6

LSU Baton Rouge, LA

A.	30	Louisiana-Monroe	
S.	6	@ARIZONA	
S.	13	Western Illinois	
S.	20	Georgia	
S.	27	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	31-13
O.	11	Florida	16-7
O.	18	@SOUTH CAROLINA	38-14
O.	25	Auburn	7-31
N.	1	Louisiana Tech	
N.	15	@ALABAMA	0-31
N.	22	@MISSISSIPPI	14-13
N.	29	Arkansas	20-21

Coach: Nick Saban *Colors:* Purple & Gold
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 8-5

Maine Orono, ME

A.	28	Montana	
S.	6	@HOFSTRA	24-17
S.	13	Florida International	33-7
S.	20	Massachusetts	10-20
S.	27	@WILLIAM & MARY	27-14
O.	4	Richmond	21-14
O.	18	@NORTHEASTERN	
O.	25	James Madison	17-6
N.	1	@DELAWARE	13-37
N.	15	Villanova	21-14
N.	22	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	31-14

Coach: Jack Cosgrove *Colors:* White & Blue
Nickname: Black Bears *2002 Record:* 11-3

Marist Poughkeepsie, NY

S.	6	@LAFAYETTE	
S.	13	@ST. PETER'S	24-36
S.	20	Siena	20-0
S.	27	@WAGNER	31-16
O.	4	@SACRED HEART	38-27
O.	11	La Salle	49-23
O.	18	@IONA	14-17
O.	25	@SAN DIEGO	
N.	8	Duquesne	0-36
N.	15	Central Connecticut State	

Coach: Jim Parady *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Red Foxes *2002 Record:* 7-4

Marshall Huntington, WV

A.	30	Hofstra	
S.	6	@TENNESSEE	
S.	12	Toledo	49-45
S.	20	@KANSAS STATE	
S.	27	@TROY STATE	24-7
O.	11	Kent State	42-21
O.	18	@BUFFALO	66-21
O.	25	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
N.	1	Akron	20-34
N.	12	@MIAMI (OH)	36-34
N.	19	@UCF	26-21
N.	28	Ohio	24-21

Coach: Bob Pruett *Colors:* Green & White
Nickname: Thundering Herd *2002 Record:* 11-2

Maryland College Park, MD

A.	30	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	10-37
S.	6	@FLORIDA STATE	
S.	13	Citadel	
S.	20	West Virginia	48-17
S.	27	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	45-3
O.	4	Clemson	12
O.	11	Duke	3-12
O.	23	@GEORGIA TECH	34-10
N.	1	North Carolina	59-7
N.	13	Virginia	13-48
N.	22	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	24-21
N.	29	@WAKE FOREST	32-14

Coach: Ralph Friedgen *Colors:* Red, White, Black & Gold
Nickname: Terrapins *2002 Record:* 11-3

Massachusetts Amherst, MA

S.	6	Central Connecticut State	52-3
S.	13	@KANSAS STATE	
S.	20	@MAINE	20-10
S.	27	James Madison	14-7
O.	4	New Hampshire	14-31
O.	11	@WILLIAM & MARY	
O.	18	Hofstra	28-31
O.	25	@VILLANOVA	17-16
N.	1	Northeastern	17-42
N.	8	Richmond	34-13
N.	15	@DELAWARE	17-7
N.	22	Rhode Island	48-21

Coach: Mark Whipple *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Minutemen *2002 Record:* 8-4

McNeese State Lake Charles, LA

A.	30	Henderson State	
S.	6	@KANSAS STATE	
S.	13	Georgia Southern	
S.	20	@GRAMBLING STATE	52-20
O.	4	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	
O.	18	@SOUTHERN UTAH	
O.	25	Sam Houston State	47-10
N.	1	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	47-7
N.	8	Stephen F. Austin	42-13
N.	15	Northwestern State	27-3
N.	22	@NICHOLLS STATE	33-21

Coach: Tommy Tate *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Cowboys *2002 Record:* 13-1

Memphis Memphis, TN

A.	30	Tennessee Tech	
S.	6	Mississippi	16-38
S.	13	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	14-33
S.	27	Arkansas State	
O.	4	UAB	17-31
O.	11	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	17-29
O.	18	@HOUSTON	21-26
O.	25	@TULANE	38-10
N.	1	East Carolina	
N.	15	@LOUISVILLE	32-38
N.	22	Cincinnati	10-48
N.	29	South Florida	28-31

Coach: Tommy West *Colors:* Blue & Gray
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 3-9

Miami (FL) Coral Gables, FL

A.	30	@LOUISIANA TECH	
S.	6	Florida	21-16
S.	13	East Carolina	
S.	20	@BOSTON COLLEGE	38-6
O.	2	West Virginia	40-23
O.	11	@FLORIDA STATE	28-27
O.	18	Temple	44-21
N.	1	@VIRGINIA TECH	56-45
N.	8	Tennessee	26-3
N.	15	Syracuse	49-7
N.	22	Rutgers	42-17
N.	29	@PITTSBURGH	28-21

Coach: Larry Coker *Colors:* Orange, Green & White
Nickname: Hurricanes *2002 Record:* 12-1

Miami (OH) Oxford, OH

A.	30	@IOWA	24-29
S.	13	@NORTHWESTERN	
S.	20	@COLORADO STATE	
S.	27	Cincinnati	31-26
O.	4	Akron	48-31
O.	11	Buffalo	49-0
O.	18	@BALL STATE	
O.	25	@KENT STATE	27-20
N.	4	Bowling Green	
N.	12	Marshall	34-36
N.	22	@OHIO	38-20
N.	28	@UCF	31-48

Coach: Terry Hoeppner *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Redhawks *2002 Record:* 7-5

Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

A.	30	Central Michigan	
S.	6	Houston	
S.	13	Notre Dame	23-25
S.	20	@OREGON	
S.	27	Indiana	
O.	4	@IOWA	9-34
O.	11	@MINNESOTA	41-24
O.	18	Illinois	45-28
O.	25	Purdue	23-21
N.	1	@MICHIGAN STATE	49-3
N.	15	@NORTHWESTERN	
N.	22	Ohio State	9-14

Coach: Lloyd Carr *Colors:* Maize & Blue
Nickname: Wolverines *2002 Record:* 10-3

Michigan State East Lansing, MI

A.	30	Western Michigan	
S.	6	Rutgers	
S.	13	Louisiana Tech	
S.	20	@NOTRE DAME	17-31
S.	27	Iowa	16-44
O.	4	Indiana	56-21
O.	11	@ILLINOIS	
O.	18	@MINNESOTA	7-28
N.	1	Michigan	3-49
N.	8	@OHIO STATE	
N.	15	@WISCONSIN	24-42
N.	22	Penn State	7-61

Coach: John L. Smith *Colors:* Green & White
Nickname: Spartans *2002 Record:* 4-8

Georgia Athens, GA

A. 30	@CLEMSON	W	31-28
S. 6	Middle Tennessee State	W	
S. 13	South Carolina		13-7
S. 20	@LSU	L	
O. 4	Alabama	W	27-25
O. 11	@TENNESSEE		18-13
O. 18	@VANDERBILT	W	38-17
O. 25	UAB		
N. 1	@FLORIDA	L	13-20
N. 15	Auburn	W	24-21
N. 22	Kentucky	W	52-24
N. 29	@GEORGIA TECH	W	51-7
@ At Jacksonville, FL			

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Coach: Mark Richt *Colors:* Red & Black
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 13-1

Georgia Southern Statesboro, GA

7-4

S. 6	Savannah State	W	
S. 13	@MCNEESE STATE	L	
S. 20	@WOFFORD		7-14
S. 27	Chattanooga	W	38-10
O. 4	Florida International	W	
O. 11	Western Carolina		41-24
O. 18	@APPALACHIAN STATE	L	36-20
O. 25	Citadel	W	28-24
N. 1	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W	40-7
N. 8	Furman	W	42-21
N. 15	@ELON	W	

Coach: Mike Sewak *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Eagles *2002 Record:* 11-3

Georgia Tech Atlanta, GA

6-6

A. 28	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	L	28-19
S. 6	Auburn	W	
S. 13	@FLORIDA STATE	L	6-21
S. 20	Clemson		19-24
S. 27	@VANDERBILT	W	45-3
O. 4	North Carolina State	W	24-17
O. 11	@WAKE FOREST	W	21-24
O. 23	Maryland	W	[illegible]
N. 8	@DUKE		[illegible]
N. 15	North Carolina	W	21-13
N. 22	@VIRGINIA	L	23-15
N. 29	Georgia	L	7-51

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Coach: Chan Gailey *Colors:* Old Gold & White
Nickname: Yellow Jackets *2002 Record:* 7-6

Grambling State Grambling, LA

9-3

A. 23	@SAN JOSE STATE	L	
S. 6	@ALCORN STATE	W	31-35
S. 13	Alabama A&M@	W	31-19
S. 20	McNeese State	L	20-52
O. 4	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M#	W	35-13
O. 11	Mississippi Valley State	W	
O. 18	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W	54-15
O. 25	@JACKSON STATE	W	52-31
N. 1	Texas Southern	W	42-28
N. 8	@ALABAMA STATE	W	34-21
N. 15	Savannah State	W	
N. 29	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY$	L	24-48
@ At Shreveport, LA			
# At Dallas, TX			
$ At New Orleans, LA			

Coach: Doug Williams *Colors:* Black & Gold
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 11-2

Hampton Hampton, VA

7-4

A. 28	@VILLANOVA	L	
S. 13	@HOWARD	W	51-2
S. 20	Tuskegee@	W	
S. 27	@MORGAN STATE#	W	42-52
O. 4	Delaware State	W	44-13
O. 18	@NORFOLK STATE	W	31-14
O. 25	South Carolina State	W	41-47 (OT)
N. 1	Florida A&M	L	13-25
N. 8	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	L	37-7
N. 15	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L	17-7
N. 22	Savannah State	W	
@ At Cleveland, OH			
# At East Rutherford, NY			

Coach: Joe Taylor *Colors:* Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Pirates *2002 Record:* 7-5

Harvard Boston, MA

1-3

S. 20	@HOLY CROSS	W	28-23
S. 27	Brown	W	26-24
O. 4	Northeastern	W	14-17
O. 11	@CORNELL	W	52-23
O. 18	Lafayette	W	
O. 25	Princeton	L	24-17
N. 1	Dartmouth	L	31-26
N. 8	@COLUMBIA	L	28-7
N. 15	Pennsylvania	W	9-44
N. 22	@YALE	W	20-13

Coach: Tim Murphy *Colors:* Crimson
Nickname: Crimson *2002 Record:* 7-3

Hawaii Honolulu, HI

8-5

A. 30	Appalachian State	W	
S. 13	@USC	L	
S. 20	@UNLV	W	
S. 27	Rice		33-28
O. 4	@TULSA	L	37-14
O. 11	Fresno State	W	31-21
O. 18	@LOUISIANA TECH	W	
O. 25	UTEP	W	31-6
N. 1	@SAN JOSE STATE	W	40-31
N. 15	@NEVADA	W	59-34
N. 22	Army	W	
N. 29	Alabama	L	16-21
D. 6	Boise State	L	31-58

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Coach: June Jones *Colors:* Green & White
Nickname: Warriors *2002 Record:* 10-4

Hofstra Hempstead, NY

2-10

A. 30	@MARSHALL	L	
S. 6	Maine	L	17-24
S. 13	Elon	L	27-13
S. 20	@JAMES MADISON	L	21-24 (OT)
S. 27	Delaware		
O. 11	Northeastern	W	17-28
O. 18	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	31-28
O. 25	New Hampshire	L	52-28
N. 1	@WILLIAM & MARY	L	3-16
N. 8	Villanova	W	7-35
N. 15	@RHODE ISLAND	L	37-19
N. 22	@LIBERTY	L	32-3

Coach: Joe Gardi *Colors:* Blue, White, & Gold
Nickname: Pride *2002 Record:* 6-6

Holy Cross Worcester, MA

1-11

S. 6	@LEHIGH	L	12-21
S. 13	Georgetown	W	41-13
S. 20	Harvard	L	23-28
S. 27	@SAN DIEGO	L	
O. 4	Yale	L	19-28
O. 11	@TOWSON	L	10-42
O. 18	Dartmouth	L	36-44
O. 25	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	L	
N. 1	@BUCKNELL	L	38-21
N. 8	@FORDHAM	L	27-37
N. 15	Lafayette	L	13-42
N. 22	Colgate	L	20-25

Coach: Dan Allen *Colors:* Royal Purple & White
Nickname: Crusaders *2002 Record:* 4-8

Houston Houston, TX

7-5

A. 30	Rice	W	24-10
S. 6	@MICHIGAN	L	
S. 13	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	W	36-17
S. 20	Mississippi State	W	
S. 30	@EAST CAROLINA	W	48-54 (OT)
O. 11	@TULANE	W	13-34
O. 18	Memphis	L	26-21
O. 25	TCU	L	17-34
N. 8	Southern Mississippi	L	
N. 15	@ARMY	W	56-42
N. 22	@LOUISVILLE	L	27-10
N. 29	UAB	W	34-51

Coach: Art Briles *Colors:* Scarlet & White
Nickname: Cougars *2002 Record:* 5-7

Howard Washington, DC

4-7

S. 6	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	L	24-31
S. 13	Hampton	L	2-51
S. 20	@AKRON	L	
S. 27	@SAVANNAH STATE	W	
O. 11	Florida A&M	W	28-24
O. 18	@MORGAN STATE	L	20-38
O. 25	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	L	20-16
N. 1	@NORFOLK STATE	W	21-0
N. 8	South Carolina State	L	23-9
N. 15	Bethune-Cookman	L	27-46
N. 22	@DELAWARE STATE	W	7-14

Coach: Rayford T. Petty *Colors:* Navy Blue & White
Nickname: Bison *2002 Record:* 6-5

Idaho Moscow, ID

3-9

A. 30	Washington State@	L	14-49
S. 6	Eastern Washington	L	
S. 13	Boise State	L	21-38
S. 20	@WASHINGTON	L	27-41
S. 27	@MONTANA	L	31-38
O. 4	@NEW MEXICO STATE	W	31-35
O. 11	North Texas	L	0-10
O. 18	Middle Tennessee State	L	21-18
O. 25	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	L	28-31
N. 8	@ARKANSAS STATE	L	29-38
N. 15	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	14-34
N. 22	Utah State	W	
@ At Seattle, WA			

Coach: Tom Cable *Colors:* Silver & Gold
Nickname: Vandals *2002 Record:* 2-10

Idaho State Pocatello, ID

8-4

A. 30	Montana-Western	W	48-0
S. 6	@BOISE STATE	L	
S. 13	Northern Colorado	W	
S. 27	@SACRAMENTO STATE	L	32-24
O. 4	Eastern Washington	W	21-14
O. 11	@MONTANA STATE	W	18-14
O. 18	Montana	W	9-13
O. 25	@WEBER STATE	L	34-0
N. 1	Portland State	W	24-27
N. 8	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	L	46-20
N. 15	@CAL POLY	W	24-14
N. 22	Southern Utah	W	42-17

Coach: Larry Lewis *Colors:* Black & Orange
Nickname: Bengals *2002 Record:* 8-3

Illinois Champaign, IL

1-11

A. 30	@MISSOURI@	L	20-33
S. 6	Illinois State	W	
S. 13	@UCLA	L	
S. 20	California	L	
S. 27	Wisconsin	L	37-20
O. 4	@PURDUE	W	38-31 (OT)
O. 11	Michigan State	L	
O. 18	@MICHIGAN	L	28-45
O. 25	Minnesota	L	10-31
N. 1	@IOWA	L	
N. 8	@INDIANA	L	45-14
N. 22	Northwestern	L	31-24
@ At St. Louis, MO			

Coach: Ron Turner *Colors:* Orange & Blue
Nickname: Fighting Illini *2002 Record:* 5-7

Illinois State Normal, IL

6-6

A. 28	Drake	W	
S. 6	@ILLINOIS	L	
S. 13	Truman State	W	
S. 20	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	10-45
S. 27	Florida Atlantic	L	
O. 4	Northern Iowa	L	31-20
O. 11	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	35-14
O. 18	Western Kentucky	L	0-9
O. 25	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W	17-24
N. 1	Western Illinois	L	17-22
N. 8	@SMS	W	30-20
N. 15	Indiana State	W	20-12

Coach: Denver Johnson *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Redbirds *2002 Record:* 6-5

Indiana Bloomington, IN

2-10

A. 30	@CONNECTICUT	L	
S. 6	@WASHINGTON	W	
S. 13	Indiana State	L	
S. 20	Kentucky	L	17-27
S. 27	@MICHIGAN	L	
O. 4	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	21-56
O. 11	Northwestern	L	37-41
O. 25	Ohio State	L	17-45
N. 1	@MINNESOTA	W	
N. 8	Illinois	W	14-45
N. 15	@PENN STATE	L	25-58
N. 22	Purdue	L	10-34

Coach: Gerry DiNardo *Colors:* Cream & Crimson
Nickname: Hoosiers *2002 Record:* 3-9

Indiana State Terre Haute, IN

3-9

A. 30	@BALL STATE	L	0-23
S. 6	Florida International	W	
S. 13	@INDIANA	L	
S. 20	@MURRAY STATE	W	34-31 (OT)
S. 27	Eastern Illinois	W	19-26
O. 4	Southern Illinois	L	21-14
O. 11	@NORTHERN IOWA	L	21-19
O. 18	Youngstown State	L	16-31
O. 25	Western Kentucky	L	7-24
N. 1	@SMS	L	23-20 (OT)
N. 8	Western Illinois	L	21-52
N. 15	@ILLINOIS STATE	L	12-20

Coach: Tim McGuire *Colors:* Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Sycamores *2002 Record:* 5-7

Iona New Rochelle, NY

6-4

S. 6	@SIENA	W	14-7
S. 13	Wagner	W	0-34
S. 27	@MONTCLAIR STATE	L	23-19
O. 4	@MONMOUTH	W	
O. 11	Duquesne	L	10-59
O. 18	Marist	W	17-14
O. 25	Sacred Heart	W	3-30
N. 1	@LA SALLE	W	30-23
N. 8	@ST. PETER'S	W	14-22
N. 15	Stony Brook	L	

Coach: Fred Mariani *Colors:* Maroon & Gold
Nickname: Gaels *2002 Record:* 5-6

Iowa Iowa City, IA

9-3 10-3

A. 30	Miami (OH)	W	29-24
S. 6	Buffalo	W	
S. 13	@IOWA STATE	W	31-36
S. 20	Arizona State	W	
S. 27	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	44-16
O. 4	Michigan	W	24
O. 18	@OHIO STATE	L	
O. 25	Penn State	W	42-35 (OT)
N. 1	Illinois	W	
N. 8	@PURDUE	L	31-28
N. 15	Minnesota	W	45-21
N. 22	@WISCONSIN	W	20-3

Coach: Kirk Ferentz *Colors:* Gold & Black
Nickname: Hawkeyes *2002 Record:* 11-2

Iowa State Ames, IA

2-10

A. 30	Northern Iowa	W	
S. 6	Ohio	W	
S. 13	Iowa	L	36-31
S. 27	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L	
O. 4	Oklahoma	L	3-49
O. 11	@TEXAS TECH	L	31-17
O. 18	Texas	L	10-21
O. 25	@NEBRASKA	L	36-14
N. 1	@MISSOURI	L	42-35
N. 8	Kansas State	L	7-58
N. 15	Colorado	L	27-41
N. 22	@KANSAS	L	45-3

Coach: Dan McCarney *Colors:* Cardinal & Gold
Nickname: Cyclones *2002 Record:* 7-7

Jackson State Jackson, MS

2-10

A. 30	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	L	
S. 6	North Carolina A&T	L	36-42
S. 13	Tennessee State@	L	31-28
S. 20	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	
S. 27	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	W	36-12
O. 4	@FLORIDA A&M#		
O. 11	Alabama State	L	20-24
O. 18	Southern University	L	36-14
O. 25	Grambling State	L	31-52
N. 1	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L	42-0
N. 8	@ALABAMA A&M	L	13-11
N. 22	Alcorn State	L	34-20
@ At Nashville, TN			
# At Indianapolis, IN			

Coach: James Bell *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 7-4

Jacksonville Jacksonville, FL

5-6

S. 6	@LENOIR-RHYNE	L	37-27
S. 13	Wingate	W	
S. 20	Coastal Carolina	W	
S. 27	Valparaiso	W	
O. 4	@DRAKE	L	
O. 11	Davidson	L	10-28
O. 18	@AUSTIN PEAY	W	16-20
O. 25	Morehead State	L	14-48
O. 30	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	L	6-39
N. 8	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	L	
N. 15	Webber International	W	

Coach: Steve Gilbert *Colors:* Green & White
Nickname: Dolphins *2002 Record:* 3-7

Jacksonville State Jacksonville, AL

7-4

A. 30	@ALABAMA A&M	L	20-17
S. 13	North Alabama	L	
S. 20	@KANSAS	L	
S. 27	Eastern Kentucky	W	
O. 4	@MURRAY STATE	L	
O. 11	Tennessee-Martin	W	
O. 18	@TENNESSEE STATE	W	
O. 25	Tennessee Tech	W	35-29
N. 8	@SAMFORD	W	37-23
N. 15	Eastern Illinois	W	
N. 22	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	W	

Coach: Jack Crowe *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Gamecocks *2002 Record:* 5-6

James Madison Harrisonburg, VA

6-6

A. 30	Liberty	W	
S. 6	@VIRGINIA TECH	L	
S. 20	Hofstra	W	24-21 (OT)
S. 27	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	7-14
O. 4	@VILLANOVA	L	26-30
O. 11	Richmond	W	0-26
O. 18	@WILLIAM & MARY	W	34-31 (OT)
O. 25	@MAINE	L	6-17
N. 1	Rhode Island	L	15-11
N. 8	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	20-14
N. 15	Charleston Southern	W	
N. 22	Northeastern	L	10-41

Coach: Mickey Matthews *Colors:* Purple & Gold
Nickname: Dukes *2002 Record:* 5-7

Kansas Lawrence, KS

A. 30	Northwestern	L	
S. 6	UNLV	W	20-31
S. 13	@WYOMING	W	
S. 20	Jacksonville State	W	
O. 4	Missouri	L	12-36
O. 11	@COLORADO	L	39-53
O. 18	Baylor	W	32-35
O. 25	@KANSAS STATE	L	0-64
N. 1	@TEXAS A&M	L	22-47
N. 8	Nebraska	L	7-45
N. 15	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	20-55
N. 22	Iowa State	W	3-45

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Coach: Mark Mangino *Colors:* Crimson & Blue
Nickname: Jayhawks *2002 Record:* 2-10

Kansas State Manhattan, KS

A. 23	California@	W	
A. 30	Troy State	W	
S. 6	McNeese State	W	
S. 13	Massachusetts	W	
S. 20	Marshall	L	
O. 4	@TEXAS	L	14-17
O. 11	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	44-9
O. 18	Colorado	W	31-35
O. 25	Kansas	W	64-0
N. 1	Baylor	W	44-10
N. 8	@IOWA STATE	W	58-7
N. 15	@NEBRASKA	W	49-13
N. 22	Missouri	W	38-0
@ At Kansas City, MO			W

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Coach: Bill Snyder *Colors:* Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 11-2

Kent State Kent, OH

A. 28	@AKRON	W	10-48
S. 6	@PITTSBURGH	L	
S. 13	Youngstown State	W	
S. 20	@PENN STATE	L	
S. 27	UCF	W	6-32
O. 4	Ball State	L	
O. 11	@MARSHALL	L	21-42
O. 18	Connecticut	L	21-63
O. 25	Miami (OH)	L	20-27
N. 8	@OHIO	W	0-50
N. 15	@BOWLING GREEN	L	14-45
N. 22	Buffalo	W	16-12

5-7

Coach: Dean Pees *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes *2002 Record:* 3-9

Kentucky Lexington, KY

A. 31	Louisville	W	22-17
S. 6	Murray State	W	
S. 13	@ALABAMA	L	
S. 20	@INDIANA	W	27-17
S. 27	Florida	L	34-41
O. 11	@SOUTH CAROLINA	L	12-16
O. 18	Ohio	W	
O. 25	Mississippi State	W	45-24
N. 1	Arkansas	L	29-17
N. 15	@VANDERBILT	L	41-21
N. 22	@GEORGIA	L	24-52
N. 29	Tennessee	L	0-24

4-8

Coach: Rich Brooks *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Wildcats *2002 Record:* 7-5

La Salle Philadelphia, PA

S. 6	@WAGNER	L	7-42
S. 19	@COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	W	
S. 27	@DUQUESNE	L	0-46
O. 4	St. Francis (PA)	L	16-23
O. 11	@MARIST	W	23-49
O. 18	Catholic University	L	15-26
O. 25	Monmouth	L	
N. 1	Iona	L	23-30
N. 8	@SIENA	W	28-21
N. 15	St. Peter's	L	2-55

3-8

Coach: Archie Stalcup *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Explorers *2002 Record:* 2-9

Lafayette Easton, PA

S. 6	Marist	W	
S. 13	@TOWSON	W	23-7
S. 27	Princeton	W	19-34
O. 4	Georgetown	L	35-17
O. 11	Columbia	W	28-21
O. 18	@HARVARD	L	
O. 25	Fordham	L	26-33
N. 1	Colgate	L	24-31
N. 8	Bucknell	W	19-3
N. 15	@HOLY CROSS	W	42-13
N. 22	@LEHIGH	L	14-7

5-6

Coach: Frank Tavani *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Leopards *2002 Record:* 7-5

Lehigh Bethlehem, PA

S. 6	Holy Cross	W	17-12
S. 13	Fordham	W	26-23 (OT)
S. 20	@PRINCETON	W	31-24
S. 27	Pennsylvania	L	21-24
O. 4	@CONNECTICUT	L	
O. 11	St. Mary's	W	
O. 25	@GEORGETOWN	W	69-0
N. 1	Towson	W	19-23
N. 8	@COLGATE	L	14-28
N. 15	@BUCKNELL	W	24-0
N. 22	Lafayette	W	7-14

8-3

Coach: Pete Lembo *Colors:* Brown & White
Nickname: Mountain Hawks *2002 Record:* 8-4

Liberty Lynchburg, VA

A. 30	@JAMES MADISON	L	
S. 6	@TOLEDO	L	
S. 13	@BOWLING GREEN	L	
S. 27	Youngstown State	L	
O. 4	Virginia Military	W	14-38
O. 18	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE	L	
N. 1	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W	31-17
N. 15	Coastal Carolina	W	
N. 22	Hofstra	W	3-32

6-6

Coach: Ken Karcher *Colors:* Red, White & Blue
Nickname: Flames *2002 Record:* 2-9

Louisiana Tech Ruston, LA

A. 30	Miami (FL)	L	
S. 6	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	W	
S. 13	@MICHIGAN STATE	W	
S. 20	@FRESNO STATE	L	13-45
O. 4	Boise State	L	10-36
O. 11	@UTEP	W	38-24
O. 18	Hawaii	L	
O. 25	@NEVADA	W	50-47
N. 1	@LSU	L	
N. 8	Southern Methodist	W	34-37
N. 15	@TULSA	L	53-9
N. 29	Rice	L	20-37

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Coach: Jack Bicknell III *Colors:* Red & Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs *2002 Record:* 4-8

Louisiana-Lafayette Lafayette, LA

A. 30	@SOUTH CAROLINA	L	
S. 6	Louisiana Tech	L	
S. 13	Houston	L	17-36
S. 20	@MINNESOTA	L	11-35
S. 27	@NORTH TEXAS	L	0-27
O. 4	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	
O. 11	Louisiana-Monroe	L	10-34
O. 18	New Mexico State	W	28-31
O. 25	Idaho	W	31-28
N. 1	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	L	
N. 8	Florida International	W	
N. 15	Middle Tennessee State	W	35-48

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Coach: Rickey Bustle *Colors:* Vermillion & White
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns *2002 Record:* 3-9

Louisiana-Monroe Monroe, LA

A. 30	@LSU	L	
S. 6	Stephen F. Austin	L	
S. 13	@MISSISSIPPI	L	3-31
S. 20	Northwestern State	L	
S. 27	@UTAH STATE	L	51-48 (OT)
O. 4	@ARKANSAS STATE	W	21-33
O. 11	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	W	34-10
O. 25	New Mexico State	L	21-34
N. 1	@AUBURN	L	14-52
N. 8	North Texas	L	2-41
N. 15	Idaho	L	34-14
N. 22	@TROY STATE	L	

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Coach: Charlie Weatherbie *Colors:* Cardinal Red & Gold
Nickname: Indians *2002 Record:* 3-9

Louisville Louisville, KY

A. 31	@KENTUCKY	W	17-22
S. 13	@SYRACUSE	W	
S. 20	UTEP	W	
S. 27	Temple	W	
O. 4	@SOUTH FLORIDA	L	
O. 11	Army	W	45-14
O. 18	Tulane	W	
O. 25	@EAST CAROLINA	W	14-20
N. 4	@TCU	L	45
N. 15	Memphis	L	38-32
N. 22	Houston	W	10-27
N. 29	@CINCINNATI	W	14-24

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Coach: Bob Petrino *Colors:* Red, White & Black
Nickname: Cardinals *2002 Record:* 7-6

LSU Baton Rouge, LA

A. 30	Louisiana-Monroe	W	
S. 6	@ARIZONA	W	
S. 13	Western Illinois	W	
S. 20	Georgia	W	
S. 27	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	31-13
O. 11	Florida	L	36-7
O. 18	@SOUTH CAROLINA	W	38-14
O. 25	Auburn	W	7-31
N. 1	Louisiana Tech	W	
N. 15	@ALABAMA	W	0-31
N. 22	@MISSISSIPPI	W	14-13
N. 29	Arkansas	W	20-21

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Coach: Nick Saban *Colors:* Purple & Gold
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 8-5

Maine Orono, ME

A. 28	Montana	L	
S. 6	@HOFSTRA	W	24-17
S. 13	Florida International	L	33-7
S. 20	Massachusetts	W	10-20
S. 27	@WILLIAM & MARY	L	27-14
O. 4	Richmond	W	21-14
O. 18	@NORTHEASTERN	W	
O. 25	James Madison	W	17-6
N. 1	@DELAWARE	L	13-37
N. 15	Villanova	W	21-14
N. 22	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	L	31-14

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Coach: Jack Cosgrove *Colors:* White & Blue
Nickname: Black Bears *2002 Record:* 11-3

Marist Poughkeepsie, NY

S. 6	@LAFAYETTE	L	
S. 13	@ST. PETER'S	W	24-36
S. 20	Siena	W	20-0
S. 27	@WAGNER	W	31-16
O. 4	@SACRED HEART	L	38-27
O. 11	La Salle	L	49-23
O. 18	@IONA	L	14-17
O. 25	@SAN DIEGO	L	
N. 8	Duquesne	L	0-36
N. 15	Central Connecticut State	W	

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Coach: Jim Parady *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Red Foxes *2002 Record:* 7-4

Marshall Huntington, WV

A. 30	Hofstra	W	
S. 6	@TENNESSEE	L	
S. 12	Toledo	L	49-45
S. 20	@KANSAS STATE	W	
S. 27	@TROY STATE	W	24-7
O. 11	Kent State	W	42-21
O. 18	@BUFFALO	W	66-21
O. 25	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	W	
N. 1	Akron	W	20-34
N. 12	@MIAMI (OH)	L	36-34
N. 19	@UCF	W	26-21
N. 28	Ohio	W	24-21

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Coach: Bob Pruett *Colors:* Green & White
Nickname: Thundering Herd *2002 Record:* 11-2

Maryland College Park, MD

A. 30	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	W	
S. 6	@FLORIDA STATE	L	10-37
S. 13	Citadel	W	
S. 20	West Virginia	W	48-17
S. 27	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	45-3
O. 4	Clemson	W	12
O. 11	Duke	W	12
O. 23	@GEORGIA TECH	L	34-10
N. 1	North Carolina	W	59-7
N. 13	Virginia	W	13-48
N. 22	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	W	24-21
N. 29	@WAKE FOREST	W	32-14

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Coach: Ralph Friedgen *Colors:* Red, White, Black & Gold
Nickname: Terrapins *2002 Record:* 11-3

Massachusetts Amherst, MA

S. 6	Central Connecticut State	W	52-3
S. 13	@KANSAS STATE	L	
S. 20	@MAINE	W	20-10
S. 27	James Madison	W	14-7
O. 4	New Hampshire	W	14-31
O. 11	@WILLIAM & MARY	W	
O. 18	Hofstra	W	28-31
O. 25	@VILLANOVA	W	17-16
N. 1	Northeastern	W	17-42
N. 8	Richmond	W	34-13
N. 15	@DELAWARE	L	17-7
N. 22	Rhode Island	W	48-21

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Coach: Mark Whipple *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Minutemen *2002 Record:* 8-4

McNeese State Lake Charles, LA

A. 30	Henderson State	W	
S. 6	@KANSAS STATE	L	
S. 13	Georgia Southern	W	
S. 20	@GRAMBLING STATE	W	52-20
O. 4	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	W	
O. 18	@SOUTHERN UTAH	W	
O. 25	Sam Houston State	W	47-10
N. 1	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	W	47-7
N. 8	Stephen F. Austin	W	42-13
N. 15	Northwestern State	W	27-3
N. 22	@NICHOLLS STATE	W	33-21

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Coach: Tommy Tate *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Cowboys *2002 Record:* 13-1

Memphis Memphis, TN

A. 30	Tennessee Tech	W	
S. 6	Mississippi	W	16-38
S. 13	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	L	14-33
S. 27	Arkansas State	W	
O. 4	UAB	L	17-31
O. 11	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	L	17-29
O. 18	@HOUSTON	W	21-26
O. 25	@TULANE	W	38-10
N. 1	East Carolina	W	
N. 15	@LOUISVILLE	W	32-38
N. 22	Cincinnati	L	10-48
N. 29	South Florida	L	28-31

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Coach: Tommy West *Colors:* Blue & Gray
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 3-9

Miami (FL) Coral Gables, FL

A. 30	@LOUISIANA TECH	W	
S. 6	Florida	W	41-16
S. 13	East Carolina	W	
S. 20	@BOSTON COLLEGE	W	38-6
O. 2	West Virginia	W	40-23
O. 11	@FLORIDA STATE	W	38-27
O. 18	Temple	W	44-21
N. 1	@VIRGINIA TECH	L	56-45
N. 8	Tennessee	L	26-3
N. 15	Syracuse	W	49-7
N. 22	Rutgers	W	42-17
N. 29	@PITTSBURGH	W	28-21

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Coach: Larry Coker *Colors:* Orange, Green & White
Nickname: Hurricanes *2002 Record:* 12-1

Miami (OH) Oxford, OH

A. 30	@IOWA	L	24-29
S. 13	@NORTHWESTERN	W	
S. 20	@COLORADO	W	
S. 27	Cincinnati	W	31-26
O. 4	Akron	W	48-31
O. 11	Buffalo	W	49-0
O. 18	@BALL STATE	W	
O. 25	@KENT STATE	W	27-20
N. 4	Bowling Green	W	
N. 12	Marshall	W	34-36
N. 22	@OHIO	W	38-20
N. 28	@UCF	W	31-48

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Coach: Terry Hoeppner *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Redhawks *2002 Record:* 7-5

Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

A. 30	Central Michigan	W	
S. 6	Houston	W	
S. 13	Notre Dame	W	23-25
S. 20	@OREGON	W	
S. 27	Indiana	W	
O. 4	@IOWA	L	9-34
O. 11	@MINNESOTA	W	41-24
O. 18	Illinois	W	45-28
O. 25	Purdue	W	23-21
N. 1	@MICHIGAN STATE	W	49-3
N. 15	@NORTHWESTERN	W	
N. 22	Ohio State	W	9-14

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Coach: Lloyd Carr *Colors:* Maize & Blue
Nickname: Wolverines *2002 Record:* 10-3

Michigan State East Lansing, MI

A. 30	Western Michigan	W	
S. 6	Rutgers	W	
S. 13	Louisiana Tech	W	
S. 20	@NOTRE DAME	L	17-[illegible]
S. 27	Iowa	W	16-44
O. 4	Indiana	W	56-21
O. 11	@ILLINOIS	W	
O. 18	@MINNESOTA	W	7-28
N. 1	Michigan	L	3-49
N. 8	@OHIO STATE	L	
N. 15	@WISCONSIN	L	24-42
N. 22	Penn State	W	7-61

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Coach: John L. Smith *Colors:* Green & White
Nickname: Spartans *2002 Record:* 4-8

Middle Tennessee Murfreesboro, TN

A. 28	Florida Atlantic	L	
S. 6	@GEORGIA	L	
S. 13	@CLEMSON	L	
S. 20	@MISSOURI	L	
O. 4	Temple	L	
O. 11	New Mexico State	W	21-24
O. 18	@IDAHO	W	18-21
O. 25	North Texas	L	20-30
N. 1	@UTAH STATE	L	45-28
N. 8	Troy State	W	
N. 15	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	L	48-35
N. 22	@ARKANSAS STATE	W	7-13

4-8

Coach: Andy McCollum **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Blue Raiders* **2002 Record:** *4-8*

Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

A. 30	Tulsa	W	
S. 6	Troy State	W	
S. 13	@OHIO	W	
S. 20	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	35-11
S. 27	@PENN STATE	W	
O. 4	@NORTHWESTERN	W	45-42
O. 11	Michigan	L	24-41
O. 18	Michigan State	L	28-7
O. 25	@ILLINOIS	W	31-10
N. 1	Indiana	W	
N. 8	Wisconsin	W	31-49
N. 15	@IOWA	L	21-45

9-3 10-3

Coach: Glen Mason **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Gophers* **2002 Record:** *8-5*

Mississippi Oxford, MS

A. 30	@VANDERBILT	W	45-38
S. 6	@MEMPHIS	W	38-16
S. 13	Louisiana-Monroe	W	31-3
S. 27	Texas Tech	L	28-42
O. 4	@FLORIDA	W	14
O. 11	Arkansas State	W	47
O. 18	Alabama	W	30
O. 25	Arkansas	W	28-48
N. 1	South Carolina	W	
N. 8	@AUBURN	L	24-31
N. 22	LSU	L	13-14
N. 27	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	24-12

9-3 10-3

Coach: David Cutcliffe **Colors:** *Cardinal Red & Navy Blue*
Nickname: *Rebels* **2002 Record:** *7-6*

Mississippi State Starkville, MS

A. 30	Oregon	L	13-36
S. 13	@TULANE	L	
S. 20	@HOUSTON	L	
S. 27	LSU	L	13-31
O. 4	Vanderbilt	W	
O. 11	Memphis	W	29-17
O. 18	@AUBURN	L	14-42
O. 25	@KENTUCKY	L	24-45
N. 8	Alabama	L	14-28
N. 15	@TENNESSEE	L	17-35
N. 22	@ARKANSAS	L	19-26
N. 27	Mississippi	L	12-24

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Coach: Jackie Sherrill **Colors:** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* **2002 Record:** *3-9*

Mississippi Valley State Itta Bena, MS

A. 30	Southern University	L	16-19
S. 6	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	L	36 (OT)
S. 20	Alabama A&M	L	13-24
S. 27	Jackson State	L	12-36
O. 11	@GRAMBLING STATE	L	
O. 25	Texas Southern	L	21-34
N. 1	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W	26-8
N. 8	@ALCORN STATE	L	23-6
N. 15	Alabama State	L	13-10 (OT)

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Coach: Willie Totten **Colors:** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Delta Devils* **2002 Record:** *5-6*

Missouri Columbia, MO

A. 30	Illinois@	W	33-20
S. 6	@BALL STATE	W	41-6
S. 13	Eastern Illinois	W	
S. 20	Middle Tennessee State	W	
O. 4	@KANSAS	L	36-12
O. 11	Nebraska	W	13-24
O. 18	@OKLAHOMA	L	24-31
O. 25	Texas Tech	W	38-52
N. 1	Iowa State	W	35-42
N. 8	@COLORADO	W	35-32 (OT)
N. 15	Texas A&M	W	33-37 (OT)
N. 22	@KANSAS STATE	L	0-38
@ At St. Louis, MO			

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Coach: Gary Pinkel **Colors:** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

Monmouth West Long Branch, NJ

S. 6	St. Peter's	W	
S. 13	Robert Morris	W	16-15
S. 20	@GEORGETOWN	W	
S. 27	@STONY BROOK	W	14-9
O. 4	Iona	W	
O. 11	Wagner	W	6-7
O. 18	Albany	W	7-19
O. 25	@LA SALLE	W	
N. 1	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	L	9-10
N. 8	@SACRED HEART	W	13-32
N. 15	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	W	7-0

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Coach: Kevin Callahan **Colors:** *Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Hawks* **2002 Record:** *2-8*

Montana Missoula, MT

A. 28	@MAINE	W	
S. 6	North Dakota State	L	
S. 13	Sam Houston State	W	
S. 27	Idaho	W	38-31
O. 4	Cal Poly	W	
O. 11	Weber State	W	39-7
O. 18	@IDAHO STATE	L	13-9
O. 25	Portland State	W	24-21
N. 1	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	W	38-24
N. 8	@SACRAMENTO STATE	W	31-24
N. 15	Eastern Washington	W	21-30
N. 22	@MONTANA STATE	L	7-10

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Coach: Bobby Hauck **Colors:** *Copper, Silver & Gold*
Nickname: *Grizzlies* **2002 Record:** *11-3*

Montana State Bozeman, MT

A. 30	@WYOMING	L	
S. 6	Gardner-Webb	W	
S. 20	@CAL POLY	L	
S. 27	Northern Colorado	L	
O. 4	@ST. MARY'S	W	27-24
O. 11	Idaho State	L	14-18
O. 18	@WEBER STATE	W	44-10
O. 25	Northern Arizona	W	17-20
N. 1	Sacramento State	W	31-30
N. 8	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	L	25-14
N. 15	@PORTLAND STATE	W	28-26
N. 22	Montana	W	10-7

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Coach: Mike Kramer **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Bobcats* **2002 Record:** *7-6*

Morehead State Morehead, KY

S. 6	Dayton	L	0-28
S. 13	@COASTAL CAROLINA	W	
S. 20	@APPALACHIAN STATE	L	
S. 27	Drake	W	
O. 4	@VALPARAISO	L	27-17
O. 11	Austin Peay	W	45-25
O. 18	Davidson	W	39-7
O. 25	@JACKSONVILLE	W	48-14
N. 1	Duquesne	W	

Coach: Matt Ballard **Colors:** *Scarlet & White*
Nickname: *Eagles* **2002 Record:** *9-3*

Morgan State Baltimore, MD

A. 30	Towson	W	28-49
S. 6	@FLORIDA A&M	L	16-34
S. 13	South Carolina State	L	23-12
S. 27	Hampton@	L	52-42
O. 4	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	27-41
O. 11	North Carolina A&T	L	30-13
O. 18	Howard	W	38-20
O. 25	@DELAWARE STATE	W	35-28 (OT)
N. 1	@SAVANNAH STATE	W	
N. 8	Norfolk State	W	14-17
@ At East Rutherford, NY			

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Coach: Donald Hill-Eley **Colors:** *Royal Blue & Orange*
Nickname: *Bears* **2002 Record:** *7-5*

Murray State Murray, KY

A. 30	Valparaiso	W	
S. 6	@KENTUCKY	W	
S. 13	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	42-24
S. 20	Indiana State	L	31-34 (OT)
S. 27	@TENNESSEE TECH	L	31-14
O. 4	Jacksonville State	W	
O. 11	@SAMFORD	L	54-17
O. 18	Eastern Illinois	L	37-35
O. 25	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	W	38-31
N. 1	Eastern Kentucky	L	7-31
N. 15	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W	42-3
N. 22	Tennessee State	L	51-27

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Coach: Joe Pannunzio **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Racers* **2002 Record:** *7-5*

Navy Annapolis, MD

A. 30	Virginia Military	W	
S. 6	@TCU	W	
S. 20	Eastern Michigan	W	
S. 27	@RUTGERS	L	
O. 4	Air Force	W	7-48
O. 11	@VANDERBILT	W	
O. 18	@RICE	W	10-17
O. 25	Delaware	L	
N. 1	Tulane	W	30-51
N. 8	@NOTRE DAME	L	23-30
N. 22	Central Michigan	W	
D. 6	Army	W	58-12

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Coach: Paul Johnson **Colors:** *Navy Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Midshipmen* **2002 Record:** *2-10*

Nebraska Lincoln, NE

A. 30	Oklahoma State	W	21-24
S. 6	Utah State	W	44-13
S. 13	Penn State	W	7-40
S. 25	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	W	
O. 4	Troy State	W	31-[illegible]
O. 11	@MISSOURI	W	[illegible]-3
O. 18	Texas A&M	W	38-31
O. 25	Iowa State	W	14-36
N. 1	@TEXAS	W	24-27
N. 8	@KANSAS	W	35-7
N. 15	Kansas State	W	13-49
N. 28	@COLORADO	W	13-28

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Coach: Frank Solich **Colors:** *Scarlet & Cream*
Nickname: *Cornhuskers* **2002 Record:** *7-7*

Nevada Reno, NV

A. 30	Southern Utah	W	
S. 6	@OREGON	L	
S. 18	@SAN JOSE STATE	W	52-24
S. 27	Southern Methodist	W	24-6
O. 4	UNLV	L	17-21
O. 11	@WASHINGTON	W	
O. 18	@TULSA	W	
O. 25	Louisiana Tech	L	47-50
N. 1	@RICE	L	31-21
N. 8	Fresno State	L	30-38
N. 15	Hawaii	W	34-59
N. 29	@BOISE STATE	L	7-44

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Coach: Chris Tormey **Colors:** *Royal Blue & Silver*
Nickname: *Wolf Pack* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

New Hampshire Durham, NH

A. 30	Central Connecticut State	W	
S. 6	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	L	
S. 13	Villanova	L	3-45
S. 20	@RHODE ISLAND	L	
S. 27	Dartmouth	W	29-26
O. 4	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	31-14
O. 11	Delaware	L	9-21
O. 18	@RICHMOND	W	20-19
O. 25	@HOFSTRA	W	28-52
N. 8	James Madison	W	14-20
N. 15	@WILLIAM & MARY	L	27-34
N. 22	Maine	W	14-31

5-7

Coach: Sean McDonnell **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* **2002 Record:** *3-8*

New Mexico Albuquerque, NM

A. 30	Southwest Texas State	W	
S. 6	@TEXAS TECH	L	0-49
S. 13	Brigham Young	L	20-16
S. 20	@WASHINGTON STATE	L	
S. 27	New Mexico State	W	13-24
O. 4	Utah State	W	44-45 (OT)
O. 18	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	15-8
O. 25	@UTAH	W	42-35 (OT)
N. 1	UNLV	L	25-16
N. 7	Colorado State	W	14-22
N. 15	Air Force	W	31-38 (OT)
N. 22	@WYOMING	W	49-20

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Coach: Rocky Long **Colors:** *Cherry & Silver*
Nickname: *Lobos* **2002 Record:** *7-7*

New Mexico State Las Cruces, NM

A. 30	@TEXAS	L	
S. 6	Western New Mexico	W	
S. 13	@OREGON STATE	L	
S. 27	@NEW MEXICO	L	24-13
O. 4	Idaho	L	35-31
O. 11	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	L	24-21
O. 18	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	L	31-28
O. 25	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	34-21
N. 1	Arkansas State	L	26-21
N. 8	Utah State	W	30-32
N. 15	@ARKANSAS	L	
N. 25	North Texas	L	27-38

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Coach: Tony Samuel **Colors:** *Crimson & White*
Nickname: *Aggies* **2002 Record:** *7-5*

Nicholls State Thibodaux, LA

A. 28	Bethel (TN)	W	
S. 6	@SOUTH FLORIDA	L	
S. 13	@PORTLAND STATE	L	
S. 20	@TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE	L	
S. 27	Texas Southern	W	
O. 11	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	L	33-22
O. 25	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	W	14-21
N. 1	Sam Houston State	W	34-16
N. 6	Southwest Texas State	W	24-21
N. 15	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	L	14-17
N. 22	McNeese State	L	21-33

5-6

Coach: Daryl Daye **Colors:** *Cardinal, Gray & Royal*
Nickname: *Colonels* **2002 Record:** *7-4*

Norfolk State Norfolk, VA

A. 30	Virginia State	L	31-21
S. 13	@SAVANNAH STATE	W	35-6
S. 20	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	L	
S. 27	Bethune-Cookman	L	7-49
O. 4	North Carolina A&T	L	10-36
O. 11	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	L	9-35
O. 18	Hampton	L	14-31
O. 25	@FLORIDA A&M	L	31-34
N. 1	Howard	L	0-21
N. 8	@MORGAN STATE	L	17-14
N. 15	@DELAWARE STATE	L	23-20

1-10

Coach: Willie Gillus Jr. **Colors:** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Spartans* **2002 Record:** *5-6*

North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC

A. 30	Florida State	L	17-40
S. 6	Syracuse	L	30-32
S. 20	@WISCONSIN	L	
S. 27	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	L	17-34
O. 4	Virginia	L	27-37
O. 11	@EAST CAROLINA	W	
O. 18	Arizona State	L	38-35
O. 25	@CLEMSON	L	12-42
N. 1	@MARYLAND	L	7-59
N. 8	Wake Forest	W	0-31
N. 15	@GEORGIA TECH	L	13-21
N. 22	Duke	L	23-21

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Coach: John Bunting **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Tar Heels* **2002 Record:** *3-9*

North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC

A. 30	North Carolina Central@	W	30-33 (OT)
S. 6	@JACKSON STATE	W	42-36
S. 13	Southern University#	L	
S. 27	@ELON	W	34-20
O. 4	@NORFOLK STATE	W	36-10
O. 11	@MORGAN STATE	W	13-30
O. 18	Florida A&M	W	28-36
O. 25	Howard	W	16-20
N. 1	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W	12-13
N. 8	Delaware State	W	34-7
N. 15	Hampton	W	7-17
N. 22	South Carolina State	L	9-26
@ At Raleigh, NC			
# At Las Vegas, NV			

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Coach: George Small **Colors:** *Navy Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Aggies* **2002 Record:** *4-8*

North Carolina State Raleigh, NC

A. 30	Western Carolina	W	
S. 6	@WAKE FOREST	L	32-13
S. 13	@OHIO STATE	L	
S. 20	Texas Tech	W	51-48 (OT)
S. 27	North Carolina	W	34-17
O. 4	@GEORGIA TECH	W	17-24
O. 11	Connecticut	W	
O. 18	Clemson	W	38-6
O. 25	@DUKE	W	24-22
N. 1	Virginia	W	9-14
N. 15	@FLORIDA STATE	L	17-7
N. 22	Maryland	L	21-24

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Coach: Chuck Amato **Colors:** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Wolfpack* **2002 Record:** *11-3*

North Texas Denton, TX

A. 30	@OKLAHOMA	L	
S. 6	Baylor	W	
S. 13	@AIR FORCE	L	
S. 20	@ARKANSAS@	L	
S. 27	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	27-[illegible]
O. 11	@IDAHO	W	
O. 18	Utah State	W	
O. 25	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	W	30-20
N. 1	Troy State	W	
N. 8	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	41-2
N. 15	Arkansas State	W	13-10
N. 25	@NEW MEXICO STATE	W	38-27
@ At Little Rock, AR			

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Coach: Darrell Dickey **Colors:** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Mean Green* **2002 Record:** *8-5*

Northeastern Boston, MA

A. 30	Stonehill	W	
S. 6	Albany	W	
S. 13	@RHODE ISLAND	W	38-13
S. 20	William & Mary	W	13-30
S. 27	@VILLANOVA	L	38-13
O. 4	@HARVARD	L	17-14
O. 11	@HOFSTRA	L	28-17
O. 18	Maine	W	
N. 1	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	42-17
N. 8	Delaware	W	10-27
N. 15	Richmond	W	24-21
N. 22	@JAMES MADISON	W	41-10

8-4

Coach: *Don Brown* ***Colors:*** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Huskies* ***2002 Record:*** *10-3*

Northern Arizona Flagstaff, AZ

A. 30	St. Mary's	W	24-12
S. 6	@ARIZONA STATE	L	
S. 20	@PORTLAND STATE	W	14-10
S. 27	Cal Poly	W	31-24
O. 4	@WEBER STATE	W	26-21
O. 11	@SACRAMENTO STATE	W	21-24
O. 18	Eastern Washington	W	29-41
O. 25	@MONTANA STATE	L	20-17
N. 1	Montana	L	24-38
N. 8	Idaho State	W	20-46
N. 15	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	W	40-14

9-3

Coach: *Jerome Souers* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Lumberjacks* ***2002 Record:*** *6-5*

Northern Colorado Greeley, CO

A. 30	New Mexico Highlands	W	
S. 6	@WESTERN STATE	W	
S. 13	@IDAHO STATE	L	
S. 20	Minnesota State-Mankato	W	
S. 27	@MONTANA STATE	W	
O. 11	Western Washington	W	
O. 18	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	L	
O. 25	Adams State	W	
N. 8	@SOUTHERN UTAH	W	
N. 15	Augustana (SD)	W	
N. 22	@CALIFORNIA-DAVIS	W	

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Coach: *Kay Dalton* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Bears* ***2002 Record:*** *12-2 (Division II)*

Northern Illinois De Kalb, IL

A. 30	Maryland	W	
S. 6	Tennessee Tech	W	
S. 20	@ALABAMA	W	
S. 27	Iowa State	W	
O. 4	Ohio	W	
O. 11	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W	49-0
O. 18	Western Michigan	W	24-20
O. 25	@BOWLING GREEN	L	26-17
N. 1	Ball State	W	41-29
N. 8	@BUFFALO	W	
N. 15	@TOLEDO	L	30-33
N. 22	Eastern Michigan	W	49-21

10-2

Coach: *Joe Novak* ***Colors:*** *Cardinal & Black*
Nickname: *Huskies* ***2002 Record:*** *8-4*

Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, IA

A. 30	@IOWA STATE	L	
S. 20	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W	31-24
S. 27	Northwestern State	W	
O. 4	@ILLINOIS STATE	W	20-31
O. 11	Indiana State	W	19-21
O. 18	@SMS	W	25-24
O. 25	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	12-1
N. 1	Youngstown State	W	22-7
N. 8	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	L	12-31
N. 15	Southern Illinois	W	13-42

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Coach: *Mark Farley* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Panthers* ***2002 Record:*** *5-6*

Northwestern Evanston, IL

A. 30	@KANSAS	W	
S. 6	Air Force	L	3-52
S. 13	Miami (OH)	L	
S. 20	@DUKE	W	26-21
S. 27	@OHIO STATE	L	16-27
O. 4	Minnesota	L	42-45
O. 11	@INDIANA	W	41-37
O. 25	Wisconsin	L	
N. 1	@PURDUE	L	13-42
N. 8	Penn State	W	0-49
N. 15	Michigan	L	
N. 22	@ILLINOIS	W	24-31

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Coach: *Randy Walker* ***Colors:*** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* ***2002 Record:*** *3-9*

Northwestern State Natchitoches, LA

A. 30	Jackson State	W	
S. 6	@TULANE	L	
S. 13	Delaware State	W	34-14
S. 20	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	W	
S. 27	@NORTHERN IOWA	W	
O. 4	Panhandle State	W	
O. 11	Southeastern Louisiana	W	
O. 18	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	W	40-27
O. 25	Nicholls State	L	21-14
N. 8	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	L	38-10
N. 15	@MCNEESE STATE	L	3-27
N. 22	Stephen F. Austin	L	42-35

6-6

Coach: *Scott Stoker* ***Colors:*** *Purple & White*
Nickname: *Demons* ***2002 Record:*** *9-4*

Notre Dame South Bend, IN

S. 6	Washington State	W	
S. 13	@MICHIGAN	L	25-23
S. 20	Michigan State	L	21-17
S. 27	@PURDUE	L	24-17
O. 11	@PITTSBURGH	W	14-6
O. 18	USC	L	13-44
O. 25	@BOSTON COLLEGE	L	7-14
N. 1	Florida State	L	34-24
N. 8	Navy	W	30-23
N. 15	Brigham Young	W	
N. 29	@STANFORD	W	31-7
O. 6	@SYRACUSE	L	

5-7

Coach: *Tyrone Willingham* ***Colors:*** *Gold & Blue*
Nickname: *Fighting Irish* ***2002 Record:*** *10-3*

Ohio Athens, OH

A. 30	Southeast Missouri State	W	
S. 6	@IOWA STATE	L	
S. 13	Minnesota	L	
S. 27	Western Michigan	L	
O. 4	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	L	
O. 11	UCF	L	32-42
O. 18	@KENTUCKY	L	
O. 25	@BUFFALO	L	34-32
N. 8	Kent State	L	50-0
N. 15	@AKRON	L	27-10
N. 22	Miami (OH)	L	20-38
N. 28	@MARSHALL	L	21-24

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Coach: *Brian Knorr* ***Colors:*** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Bobcats* ***2002 Record:*** *4-8*

Ohio State Columbus, OH

A. 30	Washington	W	
S. 6	San Diego State	W	
S. 13	North Carolina State	W	
S. 20	Bowling Green	W	
S. 27	Northwestern	W	27-16
O. 11	@WISCONSIN	L	19-14
O. 18	Iowa	W	
O. 25	@INDIANA	W	45-17
N. 1	@PENN STATE	W	13-7
N. 8	Michigan State	W	
N. 15	Purdue	W	10-6
N. 22	@MICHIGAN	L	14-9

10-2

Coach: *Jim Tressel* ***Colors:*** *Scarlet & Gray*
Nickname: *Buckeyes* ***2002 Record:*** *14-0*

Oklahoma Norman, OK

A. 30	North Texas	W	
S. 6	@ALABAMA	W	37-27
S. 13	Fresno State	W	
S. 20	UCLA	W	
O. 4	@IOWA STATE	W	
O. 11	@TEXAS	W	35-24
O. 18	Missouri	W	31-24
O. 25	@COLORADO	W	29-7
N. 1	Oklahoma State	W	28-38
N. 8	Texas A&M	W	26-30
N. 15	Baylor	W	49-9
N. 22	@TEXAS TECH	W	60-15

12-2

Coach: *Bob Stoops* ***Colors:*** *Crimson & Cream*
Nickname: *Sooners* ***2002 Record:*** *12-2*

Oklahoma State Stillwater, OK

A. 30	@NEBRASKA	L	24-21
S. 6	Wyoming	W	
S. 13	SMS	W	
S. 20	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	W	52-16
O. 4	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	
O. 11	Kansas State	W	9-44
O. 18	Texas Tech	W	49-49
O. 25	@TEXAS A&M	W	26-23
N. 1	@OKLAHOMA	L	38-28
N. 8	Texas	L	15-17
N. 15	Kansas	W	55-20
N. 22	@BAYLOR	W	63-28

9-3

Coach: *Les Miles* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Black*
Nickname: *Cowboys* ***2002 Record:*** *9-5*

Oregon Eugene, OR

A. 30	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	W	36-13
S. 6	Nevada	W	
S. 13	@ARIZONA	W	31-14
S. 20	Michigan	W	
S. 27	Washington State	L	21-32
O. 3	@UTAH	L	
O. 11	@ARIZONA STATE	L	42-45
O. 25	Stanford	W	41-14
N. 1	@WASHINGTON	L	14-42
N. 8	California	W	
N. 15	@UCLA	W	31-30
N. 22	Oregon State	W	24-45

8-4

Coach: *Mike Bellotti* ***Colors:*** *Emerald Green & Lemon Yellow*
Nickname: *Ducks* ***2002 Record:*** *7-6*

Oregon State Corvallis, OR

A. 28	Sacramento State	W	
S. 6	@FRESNO STATE	L	59-19
S. 13	New Mexico State	W	
S. 20	Boise State	W	
S. 27	Arizona State	W	9-13
O. 4	@CALIFORNIA	L	24-13
O. 18	Washington	L	29-41
O. 25	@WASHINGTON STATE	L	
N. 1	Arizona	W	38-3
N. 8	@USC	L	0-22
N. 15	Stanford	W	31-21
N. 22	@OREGON	L	45-24

7-5

Coach: *Mike Riley* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Black*
Nickname: *Beavers* ***2002 Record:*** *8-5*

Penn State University Park, PA

A. 30	Temple	W	
S. 6	Boston College	L	
S. 13	@NEBRASKA	L	40-7
S. 20	Kent State	W	
S. 27	Minnesota	L	
O. 4	Wisconsin	L	34-31
O. 11	@PURDUE	L	
O. 25	@IOWA	L	35-42 (OT)
N. 1	Ohio State	L	7-13
N. 8	@NORTHWESTERN	L	49-0
N. 15	Indiana	W	58-25
N. 22	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	61-7

3-9

Coach: *Joe Paterno* ***Colors:*** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Nittany Lions* ***2002 Record:*** *9-4*

Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

S. 20	Duquesne	W	
S. 27	@LEHIGH	W	24-21
O. 4	@DARTMOUTH	W	49-14
O. 11	Bucknell	W	
O. 18	@COLUMBIA	W	44-10
O. 25	Yale	W	41-20
N. 1	@BROWN	W	31-7
N. 8	Princeton	W	44-13
N. 15	@HARVARD	W	44-9
N. 22	Cornell	W	31-0

10-0

Coach: *Al Bagnoli* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Quakers* ***2002 Record:*** *9-1*

Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA

S. 6	Kent State	W	
S. 13	Ball State	W	
S. 20	@TOLEDO	L	37-19
S. 27	@TEXAS A&M	W	12-14
O. 11	Notre Dame	L	6-14
O. 18	@RUTGERS	W	33-3
O. 25	Syracuse	W	48-24
N. 1	@BOSTON COLLEGE	W	19-16 (OT)
N. 8	Virginia Tech	W	28-21
N. 15	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	17-24
N. 22	@TEMPLE	W	29-22
N. 29	Miami (FL)	L	21-28

8-4

Coach: *Walt Harris* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Panthers* ***2002 Record:*** *9-4*

Portland State Portland, OR

S. 4	Texas A&M-Kingsville	W	
S. 13	Nicholls State	W	
S. 20	Northern Arizona	L	10-14
S. 27	@FRESNO STATE	L	
O. 4	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	W	31-23
O. 11	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	L	34-31
O. 18	Sacramento State	W	34-20
O. 25	@MONTANA	L	21-24
N. 1	@IDAHO STATE	L	27-24
N. 8	Weber State	L	14-20
N. 15	Montana State	L	26-28

4-7

Coach: *Tim Walsh* ***Colors:*** *Forest Green & White*
Nickname: *Vikings* ***2002 Record:*** *6-5*

Prairie View A&M Prairie View, TX

A. 30	Texas Southern@	L	14-44
S. 6	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	L	24-46
S. 13	Paul Quinn	W	22-20
S. 27	Alabama A&M	L	12-15
O. 4	Grambling State#	L	13-35
O. 11	@ALCORN STATE	L	13-33
O. 18	@ALABAMA STATE	L	
N. 1	Mississippi Valley State	L	8-26
N. 8	Arkansas-Pine Bluff$	L	0-44
N. 15	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	L	

@ At Houston, TX
# At Dallas, TX
$ At San Antonio, TX

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Coach: *C.L. Whittington* ***Colors:*** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Panthers* ***2002 Record:*** *1-10*

Princeton Princeton, NJ

S. 20	Lehigh	L	24-31
S. 27	@LAFAYETTE	L	34-19
O. 4	Columbia	L	35-32
O. 11	Colgate	L	14-10
O. 18	@BROWN	W	16-14
O. 25	@HARVARD	L	17-24
N. 1	Cornell	W	32-25 (OT)
N. 8	@PENNSYLVANIA	L	13-44
N. 15	Yale	L	3-7
N. 22	@DARTMOUTH	L	38-30

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Coach: *Roger Hughes* ***Colors:*** *Orange & Black*
Nickname: *Tigers* ***2002 Record:*** *6-4*

Purdue West Lafayette, IN

S. 6	Bowling Green	L	
S. 13	@WAKE FOREST	W	21-24
S. 20	Arizona	W	
S. 27	Notre Dame	W	17-24
O. 4	Illinois	W	31-38 (OT)
O. 11	Penn State	W	
O. 18	@WISCONSIN	W	
O. 25	@MICHIGAN	W	21-23
N. 1	Northwestern	W	42-13
N. 8	Iowa	W	28-31
N. 15	@OHIO STATE	L	6-10
N. 22	@INDIANA	W	34-10

9-3

Coach: *Joe Tiller* ***Colors:*** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Boilermakers* ***2002 Record:*** *7-6*

Rhode Island Kingston, RI

S. 6	Fordham	L	
S. 13	Northeastern	L	13-38
S. 20	New Hampshire	W	
S. 27	@RICHMOND	W	0-26
O. 4	@BROWN	W	38-28
O. 11	Villanova	L	3-45
O. 18	@DELAWARE	L	17-14 (OT)
O. 25	William & Mary	L	6-44
N. 1	@JAMES MADISON	L	11-15
N. 8	@CINCINNATI	L	
N. 15	Hofstra	W	19-37
N. 22	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	21-48

4-8

Coach: *Tim Stowers* ***Colors:*** *Columbia Blue & White*
Nickname: *Rams* ***2002 Record:*** *3-9*

Rice Houston, TX

A. 30	@HOUSTON	L	10-24
S. 13	@DUKE	L	
S. 20	Texas	L	
S. 27	@HAWAII	L	28-33
O. 4	San Jose State	W	
O. 18	Navy	W	17-10
O. 25	@FRESNO STATE	L	28-31
N. 1	Nevada	W	21-31
N. 8	Tulsa	L	33-18
N. 15	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	W	27-15
N. 22	UTEP	W	35-38
N. 29	@LOUISIANA TECH	W	37-20

5-7

Coach: *Ken Hatfield* ***Colors:*** *Blue & Gray*
Nickname: *Owls* ***2002 Record:*** *4-7*

Richmond Richmond, VA

S. 13	@DELAWARE	L	15-13
S. 20	@FURMAN	L	7-17
S. 27	Rhode Island	L	26-0
O. 4	@MAINE	L	14-21
O. 11	@JAMES MADISON	L	26-0
O. 18	New Hampshire	L	19-20
O. 25	Virginia Military	W	
N. 1	Villanova	L	
N. 8	@MASSACHUSETTS	L	13-34
N. 15	@NORTHEASTERN	L	21-24
N. 22	William & Mary	L	35-13

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Coach: *Jim Reid* ***Colors:*** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Spiders* ***2002 Record:*** *4-7*

Robert Morris Moon Township, PA

S. 6	@BUFFALO STATE	W	14-17
S. 13	@MONMOUTH	L	15-10
S. 20	@ST. PETER'S	W	
S. 27	St. Francis (PA)	W	7-14 (OT)
O. 4	Stony Brook	W	13-23
O. 11	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W	14-0
O. 18	Sacred Heart	L	0-34
O. 25	Wagner	W	0-29
N. 8	@ALBANY	L	7-1
N. 15	@DUQUESNE	L	

Coach: Joe Walton **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Colonials* **2002 Record:** *3-7*

Rutgers Piscataway, NJ

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A. 30	Buffalo	W	11-1
S. 6	@MICHIGAN STATE	L	
S. 13	@ARMY	W	44-0
S. 27	Navy	W	
O. 4	Virginia Tech	L	14-35
O. 11	@WEST VIRGINIA	L	0-40
O. 18	Pittsburgh	L	3-23
O. 25	@TEMPLE	W	17-20
N. 8	@CONNECTICUT	L	
N. 15	Boston College	L	14-44
N. 22	@MIAMI (FL)	L	17-42
N. 29	Syracuse	W	14-45

Coach: Greg Schiano **Colors:** *Scarlet*
Nickname: *Scarlet Knights* **2002 Record:** *1-11*

Sacramento State Sacramento, CA

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A. 28	@OREGON STATE	W	12-20
S. 6	St. Mary's	L	
S. 13	@CAL POLY	L	27-17
S. 27	Idaho State	W	24-32
O. 4	California-Davis	L	21-38
O. 11	Northern Arizona	L	24-21
O. 18	@PORTLAND STATE	L	20-34
O. 25	Eastern Washington	L	48-41
N. 1	@MONTANA STATE	L	30-31
N. 8	Montana	L	24-31
N. 15	@WEBER STATE	L	41-38

Coach: John Volek **Colors:** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Hornets* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

Sacred Heart Fairfield, CT

6-5

A. 30	@ST. PETER'S	W	
S. 13	St. Francis (PA)	W	28-0
S. 20	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	W	17-3
S. 27	@ALBANY	L	17-38
O. 4	Marist	W	27-38
O. 11	@SIENA	W	32-3
O. 18	@ROBERT MORRIS	W	34-0
O. 25	@IONA	L	30-3
N. 1	Stony Brook	L	14-24
N. 8	Monmouth	L	32-13
N. 15	@WAGNER	L	10-7 (OT)

Coach: Bill Lacey **Colors:** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Pioneers* **2002 Record:** *7-3*

Sam Houston State Huntsville, TX

3-8

S. 6	Midwestern State	W	26-23
S. 13	@MONTANA	L	
S. 20	@BAYLOR	L	
S. 27	@UTEP	L	
O. 9	Tarleton State	W	
O. 18	Stephen F. Austin	L	10-7
O. 25	@MCNEESE STATE	L	10-47
N. 1	@NICHOLLS STATE	L	16-34
N. 8	Northwestern State	W	10-8
N. 15	Northern Arizona	L	14-40
N. 22	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	L	21-14

Coach: Ron Randleman **Colors:** *Orange & White*
Nickname: *Bearkats* **2002 Record:** *4-7*

Samford Birmingham, AL

7-4

A. 28	@CHATTANOOGA	W	
S. 4	West Alabama	W	
S. 20	@SAN DIEGO STATE	W	
S. 27	Southeast Missouri State	L	24-48
O. 4	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	L	
O. 11	Murray State	W	17-54
O. 18	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W	41-10
O. 25	Tennessee State	L	
N. 1	@TENNESSEE TECH	W	44-51
N. 8	Jacksonville State	L	23-37
N. 22	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	W	

Coach: Bill Gray **Colors:** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* **2002 Record:** *4-7*

San Diego San Diego, CA

8-2

S. 6	Azusa Pacific	L	25-11
S. 13	@DAVIDSON	W	
S. 20	La Verne	W	39-8
S. 27	Holy Cross	W	
O. 4	Southern Oregon	W	10-31
O. 11	Drake	W	51-46
O. 18	@VALPARAISO	L	59-27
O. 25	Marist	W	
N. 1	Butler	W	35-26
N. 8	@DAYTON	W	17-27

Coach: Kevin McGarry **Colors:** *Navy, Columbia Blue & White*
Nickname: *Toreros* **2002 Record:** *5-5*

San Diego State San Diego, CA

6-6

A. 30	Eastern Washington	W	
S. 6	@OHIO STATE	L	
S. 13	@UTEP	W	
S. 20	Samford	W	
S. 27	@UCLA	L	7-43
O. 4	Brigham Young	L	10-34
O. 11	@UTAH	L	36-17
O. 18	New Mexico	L	8-15
O. 25	Wyoming	W	24-20
N. 8	@UNLV	W	31-21
N. 15	@COLORADO STATE	L	21-49
N. 22	Air Force	W	38-34

Coach: Tom Craft **Colors:** *Scarlet & Black*
Nickname: *Aztecs* **2002 Record:** *4-9*

San Jose State San Jose, CA

3-8

A. 23	Grambling State	W	
A. 30	@FLORIDA	L	
S. 6	@STANFORD	L	26-63
S. 18	Nevada	L	24-52
O. 4	@RICE	W	
O. 11	Southern Methodist	W	34-23
O. 25	@BOISE STATE	L	8-45
N. 1	Hawaii	W	31-40
N. 8	@UTEP	W	58-24
N. 15	@FRESNO STATE	L	16-19
N. 22	Tulsa	L	49-38

Coach: Fitz Hill **Colors:** *Gold, Blue & White*
Nickname: *Spartans* **2002 Record:** *6-7*

Savannah State Savannah, GA

0-11

A. 30	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN@	L	7-41
S. 6	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L	
S. 13	Norfolk State	L	6-35
S. 20	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE#	L	12-50
S. 27	Howard	L	
O. 4	@ALBANY STATE (GA)	L	14-36
O. 18	Alabama A&M	L	
O. 25	Coastal Carolina	L	
N. 1	Morgan State	L	
N. 8	Edward Waters	L	
N. 15	@GRAMBLING STATE	L	
N. 22	@HAMPTON	L	

@ At Jacksonville, FL
# At Charleston, SC

Coach: Ken Pettiford **Colors:** *Blue & Orange*
Nickname: *Tigers* **2002 Record:** *1-9*

Siena Loudonville, NY

0-11

S. 6	Iona	L	7-14
S. 13	@STONY BROOK	L	0-14
S. 20	@MARIST	L	0-20
S. 27	Central Connecticut State	L	
O. 4	@DUQUESNE	L	7-17
O. 11	Sacred Heart	L	3-32
O. 18	Wagner	L	
O. 25	St. Peter's	L	0-19
N. 1	St. Anselm	L	
N. 8	La Salle	L	21-28
N. 15	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	L	

Coach: Jay Bateman **Colors:** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Saints* **2002 Record:** *3-7*

South Carolina Columbia, SC

5-7

A. 30	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	
S. 6	Virginia	L	21-34
S. 13	@GEORGIA	L	7-13
S. 20	UAB	W	
S. 27	@TENNESSEE	L	10-18
O. 11	Kentucky	W	16-12
O. 18	LSU	L	14-38
O. 25	Vanderbilt	W	20-14
N. 1	@MISSISSIPPI	L	
N. 8	@ARKANSAS@	L	0-23
N. 15	Florida	L	7-28
N. 22	Clemson	L	20-27

@ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Lou Holtz **Colors:** *Garnet & Black*
Nickname: *Gamecocks* **2002 Record:** *5-7*

South Carolina State Orangeburg, SC

8-4

A. 30	@TENNESSEE STATE	L	4-20
S. 6	@WOFFORD	W	16-7
S. 13	@MORGAN STATE	W	12-23
S. 20	Savannah State	W	50-12
S. 27	Benedict	W	52-7
O. 11	Norfolk State	W	35-9
O. 18	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	L	6-21
O. 25	@HAMPTON	W	47-41 (OT)
N. 1	Delaware State	W	21-27
N. 8	@HOWARD	W	9-23
N. 15	Florida A&M	W	31-13
N. 22	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W	26-9

@ At Charleston, SC

Coach: Buddy Pough **Colors:** *Garnet & Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* **2002 Record:** *7-5*

South Florida Tampa, FL

7-4

A. 30	@ALABAMA	W	
S. 6	Nicholls State	W	
S. 27	@ARMY	W	
O. 4	Louisville	W	
O. 10	TCU	W	
O. 25	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	L	16-13
N. 1	Cincinnati	W	
N. 8	@EAST CAROLINA	W	46-30
N. 22	UAB	L	
N. 29	@MEMPHIS	W	31-28

Coach: Jim Leavitt **Colors:** *Green & Gold*
Nickname: *Bulls* **2002 Record:** *9-2*

Southern Cal Los Angeles, CA

11-1

A. 30	@AUBURN	W	24-17
S. 6	Brigham Young	W	
S. 13	Hawaii	W	
S. 27	@CALIFORNIA	L	30-28
O. 4	@ARIZONA STATE	W	13-13
O. 11	Stanford	W	49-17
O. 18	@NOTRE DAME	W	44-13
O. 25	@WASHINGTON	W	41-21
N. 1	Washington State	W	27-30 (OT)
N. 8	Oregon State	W	22-0
N. 15	@ARIZONA	W	
N. 22	UCLA	W	52-21

Coach: Pete Carroll **Colors:** *Cardinal & Gold*
Nickname: *Trojans* **2002 Record:** *11-2*

Southeast Missouri State Cape Girardeau, MO

5-7

A. 30	@OHIO	L	
S. 6	Southern Illinois	L	21-14
S. 13	@ARKANSAS STATE	L	
S. 20	SMS	L	21-28
S. 27	@SAMFORD	L	48-24
O. 4	Eastern Illinois	W	27-44
O. 18	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	W	35-21
O. 25	Murray State	L	31-38
N. 1	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W	50-35
N. 8	Tennessee State	W	49-25
N. 15	@TENNESSEE TECH	W	36-30
N. 22	Jacksonville State	L	

Coach: Tim Billings **Colors:** *Red & Black*
Nickname: *Indians* **2002 Record:** *8-4*

Southeastern Louisiana Hammond, LA

5-7

A. 30	Arkansas-Monticello	W	
S. 4	Lambuth	W	
S. 13	@HENDERSON STATE	L	
S. 20	@TROY STATE	L	
S. 27	@SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	L	
O. 4	McNeese State	L	
O. 11	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	L	
O. 18	Webber International	W	
O. 25	@ST. MARY'S	L	
N. 1	@ALCORN STATE	L	
N. 8	Jacksonville	W	
N. 15	Prairie View A&M	W	

Coach: Hal Mumme **Colors:** *Cardinal, Silver & Black*
Nickname: *Lions* **2002 Record:** *Did not play in 2002*

Southern Illinois Carbondale, IL

10-1

A. 28	Quincy	W	
S. 6	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	W	14-21
S. 13	Murray State	W	24-42
S. 27	St. Joseph's (IN),	W	
O. 4	@INDIANA STATE	W	14-21
O. 11	Illinois State	W	14-35
O. 18	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	W	54-52
O. 25	SMS	W	28-38
N. 1	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	W	16-48
N. 8	Youngstown State	W	9-21
N. 15	@NORTHERN IOWA	L	42-13

Coach: Jerry Kill **Colors:** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Salukis* **2002 Record:** *4-8*

Southern Methodist Dallas, TX

0-12

A. 30	@TEXAS TECH	L	14-24
S. 13	@BAYLOR	L	
S. 20	Oklahoma State	L	16-52
S. 27	@NEVADA	L	6-24
O. 4	UTEP	L	42-35
O. 11	@SAN JOSE STATE	L	23-34
O. 18	Boise State	L	
O. 25	@TULSA	L	24-21
N. 1	Fresno State	L	7-30
N. 8	@LOUISIANA TECH	L	37-34
N. 15	Rice	L	15-27
N. 29	TCU	L	6-17

Coach: Phil Bennett **Colors:** *Red & Blue*
Nickname: *Mustangs* **2002 Record:** *3-9*

Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS

9-3

A. 30	@CALIFORNIA	L	
S. 4	@UAB	W	20-13
S. 13	Memphis	L	33-14
S. 25	Nebraska	L	
O. 4	@CINCINNATI	W	23-14
O. 11	@ALABAMA	L	7-20
O. 25	South Florida	W	16
N. 1	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	
N. 8	@HOUSTON	W	
N. 15	Tulane	W	10-31
N. 20	TCU	W	7-37
N. 29	@EAST CAROLINA	W	24-7

Coach: Jeff Bower **Colors:** *Black & Gold*
Nickname: *Golden Eagles* **2002 Record:** *7-6*

Southern University Baton Rouge, LA

11-1

A. 30	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	W	19-16
S. 6	Prairie View A&M	W	46-24
S. 13	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T@	W	
S. 27	Alabama State	W	
O. 4	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W	14-13
O. 11	Alabama A&M	W	11-27
O. 18	@JACKSON STATE	W	14-36
O. 25	Alcorn State	W	20-22
N. 1	Allen	W	
N. 8	Lincoln (MO)	W	
N. 15	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	W	27-25
N. 29	Grambling State#	W	48-24

@ At Las Vegas, NV
# At New Orleans, LA

Coach: Pete Richardson **Colors:** *Blue & Gold*
Nickname: *Jaguars* **2002 Record:** *6-6*

Southern Utah Cedar City, UT

4-7

A. 30	@NEVADA	L	
S. 6	@WEBER STATE	W	
S. 13	Stephen F. Austin	W	6-52
S. 20	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	L	14-49
O. 4	Western Oregon	W	
O. 11	Southwest Texas State	W	19-49
O. 18	McNeese State	L	
N. 1	@CAL POLY	L	21-27
N. 8	Northern Colorado	L	
N. 15	@ST. MARY'S	W	14-24
N. 22	@IDAHO STATE	L	17-42

Coach: Gary Andersen **Colors:** *Scarlet, Royal Blue & White*
Nickname: *Thunderbirds* **2002 Record:** *1-10*

Southwest Missouri State Springfield, MO

4-7

A. 28	East Central	W	24-14
S. 13	@OKLAHOMA STATE	L	
S. 20	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	W	28-21
O. 4	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	L	17-24
O. 11	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	L	7-31
O. 18	Northern Iowa	L	24-25
O. 25	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L	38-28
N. 1	Indiana State	W	20-23 (OT)
N. 8	Illinois State	L	20-30
N. 15	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	L	23-28

Coach: Randy Ball **Colors:** *Maroon & White*
Nickname: *Bears* **2002 Record:** *4-7*

Southwest Texas State San Marcos, TX

4-8

A. 30	@NEW MEXICO	L	
S. 6	Angelo State	W	
S. 13	@TULSA	L	
S. 20	California-Davis	W	
S. 27	Southeastern Louisiana	W	
O. 4	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	L	
O. 11	@SOUTHERN UTAH	L	49-19
O. 18	Northwestern State	L	27-40
O. 25	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	L	21-30
N. 1	McNeese State	L	7-47
N. 6	@NICHOLLS STATE	L	21-24
N. 22	Sam Houston State	W	14-21

Coach: Manny Matsakis **Colors:** *Maroon & Gold*
Nickname: *Bobcats* **2002 Record:** *4-7*

St. Francis (PA) Loretto, PA

S. 6	Gannon	
S. 13	@SACRED HEART	0-28
S. 20	@VALPARAISO	
S. 27	@ROBERT MORRIS	14-7 (OT)
O. 4	@LA SALLE	23-16
O. 11	Albany	21-49
O. 18	@STONY BROOK	14-24
O. 25	Central Connecticut State	10-28
N. 8	@WAGNER	0-7
N. 15	Monmouth	0-7

Coach: Dave Opfar *Colors:* Red & White
Nickname: Red Flash *2002 Record:* 2-8

St. Mary's Moraga, CA

A. 30	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	24
S. 6	@SACRAMENTO STATE	20-12
S. 13	Humboldt State	36-7
S. 27	@WESTERN WASHINGTON	28-31
O. 4	Montana State	24-27
O. 11	@LEHIGH	
O. 18	@CAL POLY	35-17
O. 25	Southeastern Louisiana	
N. 1	California-Davis	28-31
N. 8	@DRAKE	46-28
N. 15	Southern Utah	24-14
N. 22	Weber State	

Coach: Vincent White *Colors:* Red & Blue
Nickname: Gaels *2002 Record:* 6-6

St. Peter's Jersey City, NJ

A. 30	Sacred Heart	
S. 6	@MONMOUTH	
S. 13	Marist	36-24
S. 20	Robert Morris	
S. 27	@DAYTON	
O. 4	@ALBANY	
O. 18	@DUQUESNE	3-14
O. 25	@SIENA	19-0
N. 8	Iona	22-14
N. 15	@LA SALLE	55-2

Coach: Scott Kochman *Colors:* Blue & White
Nickname: Peacocks *2002 Record:* 6-5

Stanford Stanford, CA

S. 6	San Jose State	63-26
S. 20	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	
S. 27	@WASHINGTON	
O. 11	@USC	49
O. 18	Washington State	11-36
O. 25	@OREGON	14-41
N. 1	UCLA	18-28
N. 8	Arizona State	24-65
N. 15	@OREGON STATE	21-31
N. 22	California	7-30
N. 29	Notre Dame	7-31

Coach: Buddy Teevens *Colors:* Cardinal & White
Nickname: Cardinal *2002 Record:* 2-9

Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches, TX

S. 6	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	
S. 13	@SOUTHERN UTAH	52-0
S. 20	Northern Iowa	24-31
S. 27	Alcorn State	
O. 4	Portland State	23-31
O. 9	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	
O. 18	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	7-10
O. 25	Southwest Texas State	30-21
N. 8	@MCNEESE STATE	13-42
N. 15	Nicholls State	17-14
N. 22	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	35-42

Coach: Mike Santiago *Colors:* Purple & White
Nickname: Lumberjacks *2002 Record:* 6-5

Stony Brook Stony Brook, NY

S. 13	Siena	14-0
S. 20	Wagner	14-17
S. 27	Monmouth	9-14
O. 4	@ROBERT MORRIS	23-13
O. 11	@GEORGETOWN	
O. 18	St. Francis (PA)	24-14
O. 25	@ALBANY	24-20
N. 1	@SACRED HEART	24-14
N. 8	Central Connecticut State	24-10
N. 15	@IONA	

Coach: Sam Kornhauser *Colors:* Scarlet & Grey
Nickname: Seawolves *2002 Record:* 8-2

Syracuse Syracuse, NY

S. 6	@NORTH CAROLINA	22-30
S. 13	Louisville	
S. 20	UCF	38-35
S. 27	Toledo	
O. 11	@VIRGINIA TECH	42 (OT)
O. 18	Boston College	20-41
O. 25	@PITTSBURGH	24-48
N. 8	Temple	16-17
N. 15	@MIAMI (FL)	7-49
N. 22	West Virginia	7-34
N. 29	@RUTGERS	45-14
D. 6	Notre Dame	

Coach: Paul Pasqualoni *Colors:* Orange
Nickname: Orangemen *2002 Record:* 4-8

TCU Fort Worth, TX

S. 1	@TULANE	17-10
S. 6	Navy	
S. 20	Vanderbilt	
S. 27	@ARIZONA	
O. 4	Army	46-27
O. 10	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
O. 18	UAB	
O. 25	@HOUSTON	34-17
N. 4	Louisville	45-31
N. 15	Cincinnati	29-36 (OT)
N. 20	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	37-7
N. 29	@SOUTHERN METHODIST	17-6

Coach: Gary Patterson *Colors:* Purple & White
Nickname: Horned Frogs *2002 Record:* 10-2

Temple Philadelphia, PA

A. 30	@PENN STATE	
S. 6	Villanova	
S. 20	@CINCINNATI	22-35
S. 27	@LOUISVILLE	
O. 4	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	
O. 11	Boston College	14-36
O. 18	@MIAMI (FL)	21-44
O. 25	Rutgers	20-17
N. 8	@SYRACUSE	17-16
N. 15	Virginia Tech	10-20
N. 22	Pittsburgh	22-29
N. 29	@WEST VIRGINIA	20-46

Coach: Bobby Wallace *Colors:* Cherry & White
Nickname: Owls *2002 Record:* 4-8

Tennessee Knoxville, TN

A. 30	Fresno State	
S. 6	Marshall	
S. 20	@FLORIDA	18-30
S. 27	South Carolina	18-10
O. 4	@AUBURN	
O. 11	Georgia	18
O. 25	@ALABAMA	34
N. 1	Duke	
N. 8	@MIAMI (FL)	3-26
N. 15	Mississippi State	35-17
N. 22	Vanderbilt	24-0
N. 29	@KENTUCKY	24-0

Coach: Phillip Fulmer *Colors:* Orange & White
Nickname: Volunteers *2002 Record:* 8-5

Tennessee State Nashville, TN

A. 30	South Carolina State	20-6
S. 6	@ALABAMA A&M	21-25
S. 13	@JACKSON STATE@	28-31
S. 20	@FLORIDA A&M#	24-37
S. 27	Tennessee-Martin	26-8
O. 11	@TENNESSEE TECH	14-20
O. 18	Jacksonville State	
O. 25	@SAMFORD	
N. 1	Eastern Illinois	48-54
N. 8	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	25-49
N. 15	Eastern Kentucky	20-45
N. 22	@MURRAY STATE	27-51

@ At Nashville, TN
# At Atlanta, GA

Coach: James Reese *Colors:* Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 2-10

Tennessee Tech Cookeville, TN

A. 30	@MEMPHIS	
S. 6	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
S. 13	@CHATTANOOGA	13-3
S. 27	Murray State	14-31
O. 4	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	68-7
O. 11	Tennessee State	20-14
O. 25	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	29-35
N. 1	Samford	51-44
N. 8	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	28-35
N. 15	Southeast Missouri State	30-36
N. 22	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	0-19

Coach: Mike Hennigan *Colors:* Purple & Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles *2002 Record:* 5-7

Tennessee-Martin Martin, TN

A. 28	Austin Peay	
S. 6	@ARKANSAS STATE	10-30
S. 11	East Tennessee State	
S. 20	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	
S. 27	@TENNESSEE STATE	8-26
O. 4	Tennessee Tech	7-68
O. 11	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	
O. 18	Samford	10-41
O. 25	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	43-55
N. 1	Southeast Missouri State	35-50
N. 8	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	3-58
N. 15	Murray State	3-42

Coach: Matt Griffin *Colors:* Orange, Blue & White
Nickname: Skyhawks *2002 Record:* 2-10

Texas Austin, TX

A. 30	New Mexico State	
S. 13	Arkansas	
S. 20	@RICE	
S. 27	Tulane	49-0
O. 4	Kansas State	17-14
O. 11	Oklahoma	35
O. 18	@IOWA STATE	
O. 25	@BAYLOR	41
N. 1	Nebraska	27-24
N. 8	@OKLAHOMA STATE	17-15
N. 15	Texas Tech	38-42
N. 28	@TEXAS A&M	50-20

Coach: Mack Brown *Colors:* White & Burnt Orange
Nickname: Longhorns *2002 Record:* 11-2

Texas A&M College Station, TX

A. 30	Arkansas State	
S. 6	Utah	
S. 18	@VIRGINIA TECH	13
S. 27	Pittsburgh	14-12
O. 4	@TEXAS TECH	47-48 (OT)
O. 11	Baylor	41-0
O. 18	@NEBRASKA	31-38
O. 25	Oklahoma State	23-28
N. 1	Kansas	47-22
N. 8	@OKLAHOMA	30-26
N. 15	@MISSOURI	27-33 (OT)
N. 28	Texas	20-50

Coach: Dennis Franchione *Colors:* Maroon & White
Nickname: Aggies *2002 Record:* 6-6

Texas Southern Houston, TX

A. 30	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M@	44-14
S. 6	Howard	31-34
S. 20	Jackson State	
S. 27	@NICHOLLS STATE	
O. 4	@ALABAMA A&M	14-21
O. 11	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	42-20
O. 18	Alcorn State	
O. 25	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	34-21
N. 1	@GRAMBLING STATE	28-42
N. 8	Clark Atlanta	26-3
N. 15	Southern University	25-27
N. 22	Alabama State	32-43

@ At Houston, TX

Coach: Bill Thomas *Colors:* Maroon & Gray
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 4-7

Texas Tech Lubbock, TX

A. 30	Southern Methodist	24-14
S. 6	New Mexico	49-0
S. 20	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	48-51 (OT)
S. 27	@MISSISSIPPI	42-38
O. 4	Texas A&M	48-47 (OT)
O. 11	Iowa State	7-31
O. 18	@OKLAHOMA STATE	49-24
O. 25	@MISSOURI	52-38
N. 1	Colorado	13-37
N. 8	@BAYLOR	42-11
N. 15	@TEXAS	42-38
N. 22	Oklahoma	15-60

Coach: Mike Leach *Colors:* Scarlet & Black
Nickname: Red Raiders *2002 Record:* 9-5

Toledo Toledo, OH

A. 30	@UNLV	38-21
S. 6	Liberty	
S. 12	@MARSHALL	45-49
S. 20	Pittsburgh	19-37
S. 27	@SYRACUSE	
O. 11	Eastern Michigan	65-13
O. 18	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	44-17
O. 25	@BALL STATE	37-17
N. 1	Buffalo	
N. 15	Northern Illinois	33-30
N. 22	Western Michigan	42-21
N. 28	@BOWLING GREEN	42-24

Coach: Tom Amstutz *Colors:* Midnight Blue & Gold
Nickname: Rockets *2002 Record:* 9-5

Towson Towson, MD

A. 30	@MORGAN STATE	49-28
S. 6	Lock Haven	
S. 13	Lafayette	7-23
S. 20	@YALE	
S. 27	@COLGATE	7-9
O. 11	Holy Cross	42-10
O. 18	@BUCKNELL	20-14
O. 25	Elon	
N. 1	@LEHIGH	23-19
N. 8	@GEORGETOWN	16-24
N. 15	Albany	
N. 22	Fordham	14-42

Coach: Gordy Combs *Colors:* White, Gold & Black
Nickname: Tigers *2002 Record:* 6-5

Troy State Troy, AL

A. 30	@KANSAS STATE	
S. 6	@MINNESOTA	
S. 13	@UAB	26-27
S. 20	Southeastern Louisiana	
S. 27	Marshall	7-24
O. 4	@NEBRASKA	16-31
O. 18	Florida International	
O. 25	@VIRGINIA	
N. 1	@NORTH TEXAS	
N. 8	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	
N. 15	@UTAH STATE	16-19 (OT)
N. 22	Louisiana-Monroe	

Coach: Larry Blakeney *Colors:* Cardinal, Silver & Black
Nickname: Trojans *2002 Record:* 4-8

Tulane New Orleans, LA

S. 1	TCU	10-17
S. 6	Northwestern State	
S. 13	Mississippi State	
S. 20	@ARMY	10-14
S. 27	@TEXAS	0-49
O. 11	Houston	34-13
O. 18	@LOUISVILLE	
O. 25	Memphis	10-38
N. 1	@NAVY	51-30
N. 8	@UAB	35-14
N. 15	@SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	31-10
N. 22	East Carolina	20-24

Coach: Chris Scelfo *Colors:* Olive Green & Sky Blue
Nickname: Green Wave *2002 Record:* 8-5

Tulsa Tulsa, OK

A. 30	@MINNESOTA	
S. 6	@ARKANSAS	
S. 13	Southwest Texas State	
S. 20	Arkansas State	19-21
O. 4	Hawaii	14-37
O. 11	@BOISE STATE	24-52
O. 18	Nevada	
O. 25	Southern Methodist	21-24
N. 1	@UTEP	20-0
N. 8	@RICE	18-33
N. 15	Louisiana Tech	9-53
N. 22	@SAN JOSE STATE	38-49

Coach: Steve Kragthorpe *Colors:* Crimson, Royal Blue & Gold
Nickname: Golden Hurricane *2002 Record:* 1-11

UAB Birmingham, AL

A. 30	@BAYLOR	
S. 4	Southern Mississippi	13-20
S. 13	Troy State	27-26
S. 20	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
O. 4	@MEMPHIS	31-17
O. 11	Cincinnati	23-31
O. 18	@TCU	
O. 25	@GEORGIA	
N. 1	Army	29-26
N. 8	Tulane	14-35
N. 22	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
N. 29	@HOUSTON	51-34

Coach: Watson Brown *Colors:* Green, Gold & White
Nickname: Blazers *2002 Record:* 5-7

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 6	@COLORADO	31
S. 13	Illinois	
S. 20	@OKLAHOMA	
S. 27	San Diego State	43-7
O. 4	Washington	34-24
O. 11	@ARIZONA	37-7
O. 18	California	12-17
O. 25	Arizona State	
N. 1	@STANFORD	28-18
N. 8	@WASHINGTON STATE	27-48
N. 15	Oregon	30-31
N. 22	@USC	21-52

Coach: Karl Dorrell *Colors:* Blue & Gold
Nickname: Bruins *2002 Record:* 8-5

UNLV Las Vegas, NV

A. 30	Toledo	21-38
S. 6	@KANSAS	31-20
S. 13	@WISCONSIN	7-27
S. 20	Hawaii	
O. 4	@NEVADA	21-17
O. 11	@AIR FORCE	32-49
O. 18	Utah	17-28
O. 25	Brigham Young	24-3
N. 1	@NEW MEXICO	16-25
N. 8	San Diego State	21-31
N. 22	Colorado State	36-33
N. 29	@WYOMING	49-48 (OT)

Coach: John Robinson *Colors:* Scarlet & Gray
Nickname: Rebels *2002 Record:* 5-7

Utah Salt Lake City, UT

A. 28	Utah State		23-3
S. 6	@TEXAS A&M		
S. 11	California		
S. 27	@COLORADO STATE		20-28
O. 3	Oregon		
O. 11	San Diego State		17-36
O. 18	@UNLV		0-17
O. 25	New Mexico		35-42 (OT)
N. 1	@AIR FORCE		26-30
N. 15	Wyoming		23-18
N. 22	@BRIGHAM YOUNG		13-6

Coach: Urban Meyer **Colors:** *Crimson & White*
Nickname: *Utes* **2002 Record:** *5-6*

Utah State Logan, UT

A. 28	@UTAH		3-23
S. 6	@NEBRASKA		13-44
S. 13	@ARIZONA STATE		
S. 27	Louisiana-Monroe		48-51 (OT)
O. 4	@NEW MEXICO		45-44 (OT)
O. 11	Wyoming		
O. 18	@NORTH TEXAS		
O. 25	Arkansas State		
N. 1	Middle Tennessee State		28-45
N. 8	@NEW MEXICO STATE		32-30
N. 15	Troy State		19-16 (OT)
N. 22	@IDAHO		

Coach: Mick Dennehy **Colors:** *Navy Blue & White*
Nickname: *Aggies* **2002 Record:** *4-7*

UTEP El Paso, TX

A. 30	@ARIZONA		
S. 6	Cal Poly		
S. 13	San Diego State		
S. 20	@LOUISVILLE		
S. 27	Sam Houston State		
O. 4	@SOUTHERN METHODIST		35-42
O. 11	Louisiana Tech		24-38
O. 25	@HAWAII		6-31
N. 1	Tulsa		0-20
N. 8	San Jose State		24-58
N. 15	@BOISE STATE		3-58
N. 22	@RICE		38-35
N. 29	Fresno State		

Coach: Gary Nord **Colors:** *Orange, Blue & White*
Nickname: *Miners* **2002 Record:** *2-10*

Valparaiso Valparaiso, IN

A. 30	@MURRAY STATE		
S. 6	Wisconsin Lutheran		
S. 13	@AUSTIN PEAY		24-28
S. 20	St. Francis (PA)		
S. 27	@JACKSONVILLE		
O. 4	Morehead State		17-27
O. 11	@DAYTON		3-52
O. 18	San Diego		27-59
O. 25	Drake		35-52
N. 8	@BUTLER		22-52
N. 15	@AURORA		

Coach: Tom Horne **Colors:** *Brown & Gold*
Nickname: *Crusaders* **2002 Record:** *1-10*

Vanderbilt Nashville, TN

A. 30	Mississippi		28-45
S. 6	Chattanooga		
S. 13	Auburn		6-31
S. 20	@TCU		
S. 27	Georgia Tech		3-45
O. 4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE		
O. 11	Navy		
O. 18	Georgia		17-48
O. 25	@SOUTH CAROLINA		14-20
N. 8	@FLORIDA		17-21
N. 15	Kentucky		21-41
N. 22	@TENNESSEE		0-24

Coach: Bobby Johnson **Colors:** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Commodores* **2002 Record:** *2-10*

Villanova Villanova, PA

A. 28	Hampton		
S. 6	@TEMPLE		
S. 13	@NEW HAMPSHIRE		45-3
S. 27	Northeastern		13-38
O. 4	James Madison		30-26
O. 11	@RHODE ISLAND		45-3
O. 25	Massachusetts		16-17
N. 1	@RICHMOND		
N. 8	@HOFSTRA		35-7
N. 15	@MAINE		14-21
N. 22	Delaware		38-34

Coach: Andy Talley **Colors:** *Blue & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* **2002 Record:** *11-4*

Virginia Charlottesville, VA

A. 30	Duke		27-22
S. 6	@SOUTH CAROLINA		34-21
S. 13	@WESTERN MICHIGAN		
S. 27	Wake Forest		38-34
O. 4	@NORTH CAROLINA		7-27
O. 11	@CLEMSON		22-17
O. 18	Florida State		19-40
O. 25	Troy State		
N. 1	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE		19-0
N. 13	@MARYLAND		48-13
N. 22	Georgia Tech		15-23
N. 29	Virginia Tech		9-21

Coach: Al Groh **Colors:** *Orange & Blue*
Nickname: *Cavaliers* **2002 Record:** *9-5*

Virginia Military Lexington, VA

A. 30	@NAVY		
S. 6	@DAVIDSON		41-16
S. 13	William & Mary		31-62
S. 20	Norfolk State		
S. 27	Georgetown		
O. 4	@LIBERTY		38-14
O. 11	Charleston Southern		27-24
O. 18	Gardner-Webb		
O. 25	@RICHMOND		
N. 1	@COASTAL CAROLINA		
N. 8	Austin Peay		
N. 15	@CITADEL@		23-21

@ At Charlotte, NC

Coach: Cal McCombs **Colors:** *Red, White & Yellow*
Nickname: *Keydets* **2002 Record:** *6-6*

Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA

A. 31	UCF		
S. 6	James Madison		
S. 18	Texas A&M		13-3
S. 27	Connecticut		
O. 4	@RUTGERS		35-14
O. 11	Syracuse		42-50 (OT)
O. 22	@WEST VIRGINIA		18-21
N. 1	Miami (FL)		35-56
N. 8	@PITTSBURGH		21-28
N. 15	@TEMPLE		20-10
N. 22	Boston College		28-23
N. 29	@VIRGINIA		21-9

Coach: Frank Beamer **Colors:** *Burnt Orange & Chicago Maroon*
Nickname: *Hokies* **2002 Record:** *10-4*

Wagner Staten Island, NY

S. 6	La Salle		42-7
S. 13	@IONA		34-0
S. 20	@STONY BROOK		17-14
S. 27	Marist		16-31
O. 4	Central Connecticut State		17-24
O. 11	@MONMOUTH		7-6
O. 18	@SIENA		
O. 25	@ROBERT MORRIS		29-0
N. 1	Albany		14-35
N. 8	St. Francis (PA)		7-0
N. 15	Sacred Heart		7-10 (OT)

Coach: Walt Hameline **Colors:** *Green & White*
Nickname: *Seahawks* **2002 Record:** *7-4*

Wake Forest Winston-Salem, NC

A. 30	@BOSTON COLLEGE		
S. 6	North Carolina State		13-32
S. 13	Purdue		24-21
S. 20	East Carolina		27-22
S. 27	@VIRGINIA		34-38
O. 11	Georgia Tech		24-21
O. 18	@DUKE		36-10
O. 25	@FLORIDA STATE		21-34
N. 1	Clemson		23-31
N. 8	@NORTH CAROLINA		31-0
N. 15	Connecticut		
N. 29	Maryland		14-32

Coach: Jim Grobe **Colors:** *Black & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Demon Deacons* **2002 Record:** *7-6*

Washington Seattle, WA

A. 30	@OHIO STATE		
S. 6	Indiana		
S. 20	Idaho		41-27
S. 27	Stanford		
O. 4	@UCLA		24-34
O. 11	Nevada		
O. 18	@OREGON STATE		41-29
O. 25	USC		21-41
N. 1	Oregon		42-14
N. 8	@ARIZONA		32-28
N. 15	@CALIFORNIA		27-34
N. 22	Washington State		29-26 (OT)

Coach: Rick Neuheisel **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Huskies* **2002 Record:** *7-6*

Washington State Pullman, WA

A. 30	@IDAHO@		19-14
S. 6	@NOTRE DAME		
S. 13	@COLORADO		
S. 20	New Mexico		
S. 27	@OREGON		32-21
O. 4	Arizona		21-13
O. 18	@STANFORD		36-11
O. 25	Oregon State		
N. 1	@USC		30-37 (OT)
N. 8	UCLA		48-27
N. 15	Arizona State		44-22
N. 22	@WASHINGTON		26-29 (OT)

@ At Seattle, WA

Coach: Bill Doba **Colors:** *Crimson & Gray*
Nickname: *Cougars* **2002 Record:** *10-3*

Weber State Ogden, UT

A. 30	Western State		44-0
S. 6	Southern Utah		
S. 13	@COLORADO STATE		
S. 20	Montana Tech		
S. 27	@EASTERN WASHINGTON		20-38
O. 4	Northern Arizona		21-26
O. 11	@MONTANA		7-39
O. 18	Montana State		10-44
O. 25	Idaho State		0-34
N. 8	@PORTLAND STATE		20-14
N. 15	Sacramento State		38-41
N. 22	@ST. MARY'S		

Coach: Jerry Graybeal **Colors:** *Royal Purple & White*
Nickname: *Wildcats* **2002 Record:** *3-8*

West Virginia Morgantown, WV

A. 30	Wisconsin		17-34
S. 6	@EAST CAROLINA		27-17
S. 13	Cincinnati		35-32
S. 20	@MARYLAND		17-48
O. 2	@MIAMI (FL)		23-40
O. 11	Rutgers		10-0
O. 22	Virginia Tech		21-18
N. 1	UCF		
N. 8	@BOSTON COLLEGE		24-14
N. 15	Pittsburgh		24-17
N. 22	@SYRACUSE		34-7
N. 29	Temple		46-20

Coach: Rich Rodriguez **Colors:** *Old Gold & Blue*
Nickname: *Mountaineers* **2002 Record:** *9-4*

Western Carolina Cullowhee, NC

A. 30	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
S. 6	@DUKE		
S. 13	Johnson Smith		
S. 20	Citadel		37-34
S. 27	@EAST TENNESSEE STATE		7-27
O. 4	Furman		23-24
O. 11	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN		24-41
O. 18	Wofford		24-31
O. 25	@CHATTANOOGA		45-28
N. 1	Elon		
N. 15	@APPALACHIAN STATE		14-24
N. 22	Gardner-Webb		

Coach: Kent Briggs **Colors:** *Purple & Gold*
Nickname: *Catamounts* **2002 Record:** *5-6*

Western Illinois Macomb, IL

A. 28	Wayne State (MI)		
S. 4	@EASTERN MICHIGAN		
S. 13	@LSU		
S. 20	Tennessee-Martin		
O. 4	Western Kentucky		28-31
O. 11	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE		19-0
O. 18	Southern Illinois		52-54
O. 25	Northern Iowa		35-12
N. 1	@ILLINOIS STATE		22-17
N. 8	@INDIANA STATE		52-21
N. 15	SMS		28-23

Coach: Don Patterson **Colors:** *Purple & Old Gold*
Nickname: *Leathernecks* **2002 Record:** *11-2*

Western Kentucky Bowling Green, KY

A. 28	Union College		
S. 6	West Virginia Tech		
S. 20	Eastern Kentucky		
S. 27	@AUBURN		
O. 4	@WESTERN ILLINOIS		31-28
O. 11	SMS		31-7
O. 18	@ILLINOIS STATE		9-0
O. 25	@INDIANA STATE		24-7
N. 1	Southern Illinois		48-16
N. 8	Northern Iowa		31-12
N. 15	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE		13-7

Coach: David Elson **Colors:** *Red & White*
Nickname: *Hilltoppers* **2002 Record:** *11-3*

Western Michigan Kalamazoo, MI

A. 30	@MICHIGAN STATE		
S. 6	William & Mary		
S. 13	Virginia		
S. 27	@OHIO		
O. 4	@EASTERN MICHIGAN		33-31
O. 11	Bowling Green		45-48 (OT)
O. 18	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS		20-24
O. 25	Marshall		
N. 1	@CONNECTICUT		
N. 8	Ball State		7-17
N. 15	Central Michigan		35-10
N. 22	@TOLEDO		21-42

Coach: Gary Darnell **Colors:** *Brown & Gold*
Nickname: *Broncos* **2002 Record:** *4-8*

William & Mary Williamsburg, VA

S. 6	@WESTERN MICHIGAN		
S. 13	@VIRGINIA MILITARY		62-31
S. 20	@NORTHEASTERN		30-13
S. 27	Maine		14-27
O. 4	@DELAWARE		45-42
O. 11	Massachusetts		
O. 18	James Madison		31-34 (OT)
O. 25	@RHODE ISLAND		44-6
N. 1	Hofstra		16-3
N. 15	New Hampshire		34-27
N. 22	@RICHMOND		13-35

Coach: Jimmye Laycock **Colors:** *Green, Gold & Silver*
Nickname: *Tribe* **2002 Record:** *6-5*

Wisconsin Madison, WI

A. 30	@WEST VIRGINIA		34-17
S. 6	Akron		
S. 13	UNLV		27-7
S. 20	North Carolina		
S. 27	@ILLINOIS		20-37
O. 4	@PENN STATE		31-34
O. 11	Ohio State		14-19
O. 18	Purdue		
O. 25	@NORTHWESTERN		
N. 8	@MINNESOTA		19-31
N. 15	Michigan State		42-24
N. 22	Iowa		3-20

Coach: Barry Alvarez **Colors:** *Cardinal & White*
Nickname: *Badgers* **2002 Record:** *8-6*

Wofford Spartanburg, SC

A. 30	@AIR FORCE		
S. 6	South Carolina State		7-6
S. 20	Georgia Southern		14-7
S. 27	Catawba		
O. 4	@CHATTANOOGA		27-21 (OT)
O. 11	Elon		34-9
O. 18	@WESTERN CAROLINA		31-24
O. 25	Appalachian State		26-19
N. 1	@CITADEL		27-14
N. 8	East Tennessee State		39-10
N. 15	@FURMAN		21-23

Coach: Mike Ayers **Colors:** *Old Gold & Black*
Nickname: *Terriers* **2002 Record:** *9-3*

Wyoming Laramie, WY

A. 30	Montana State		
S. 6	@OKLAHOMA STATE		
S. 13	Kansas		
S. 20	@AIR FORCE		34-26
S. 27	@BOISE STATE		13-35
O. 11	@UTAH STATE		
O. 18	Brigham Young		31-35
O. 25	@SAN DIEGO STATE		20-24
N. 1	Colorado State		36-44
N. 15	@UTAH		18-23
N. 22	New Mexico		20-49
N. 29	UNLV		48-49 (OT)

Coach: Joe Glenn **Colors:** *Brown & Yellow*
Nickname: *Cowboys* **2002 Record:** *2-10*

Yale New Haven, CT

S. 20	Towson		
S. 27	Cornell		50-23
O. 4	@HOLY CROSS		28-19
O. 11	Dartmouth		17-20
O. 18	@COLGATE		
O. 25	@PENNSYLVANIA		20-41
N. 1	@COLUMBIA		35-7
N. 8	Brown		31-27
N. 15	@PRINCETON		7-3
N. 22	Harvard		13-20

Coach: Jack Siedlecki **Colors:** *Yale Blue*
Nickname: *Bulldogs* **2002 Record:** *6-4*

Youngstown State Youngstown, OH

A. 30	Edinboro		
S. 6	Slippery Rock		
S. 13	@KENT STATE		
S. 20	Florida Atlantic		24-17
S. 27	@LIBERTY		
O. 4	SMS		24-17
O. 11	Western Illinois		0-19
O. 18	@INDIANA STATE		31-16
O. 25	Illinois State		24-17
N. 1	@NORTHERN IOWA		7-22
N. 8	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		21-9
N. 15	Western Kentucky		7-13

Coach: Jon Heacock **Colors:** *Scarlet & White*
Nickname: *Penguins* **2002 Record:** *7-4*

DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing Efficiency *(minimum of 15 attempts per game)*

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Brad Banks, Iowa	SR	13	294	170	57.82	5	1.70	2573	8.75	26	8.84	157.1
Byron Leftwich, Marshall	SR	12	491	331	67.41	10	2.04	4268	8.69	30	6.11	156.5
Brian Jones, Toledo	SR	14	423	297	70.21	9	2.13	3446	8.15	23	5.44	152.3
Ryan Schneider, Central Fla.	JR	12	430	265	61.63	16	3.72	3770	8.77	31	7.21	151.6
Carson Palmer, Southern Calif.	SR	13	489	309	63.19	10	2.04	3942	8.06	33	6.75	149.1
Matt Schaub, Virginia	JR	14	418	288	68.90	7	1.67	2976	7.12	28	6.70	147.5
Jason Gesser, Washington St.	SR	13	402	236	58.71	13	3.23	3408	8.48	28	6.97	146.4
Ken Dorsey, Miami (Fla.)	SR	13	393	222	56.49	12	3.05	3369	8.57	28	7.12	145.9
Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech	SR	14	712	479	67.28	13	1.83	5017	7.05	45	6.32	143.7
Bryan Randall, Virginia Tech	SO	14	248	158	63.71	11	4.44	2134	8.60	12	4.84	143.1
Chris Simms, Texas	SR	13	396	235	59.34	12	3.03	3207	8.10	26	6.57	143.0
Scott McBrien, Maryland	JR	14	284	162	57.04	10	3.52	2497	8.79	15	5.28	141.3
Philip Rivers, North Carolina	JR	14	418	262	62.68	10	2.39	3353	8.02	20	4.78	141.1
Craig Krenzel, Ohio St.	SR	14	249	148	59.44	7	2.81	2110	8.47	12	4.82	140.9
Josh Fields, Oklahoma St.	SO	13	408	226	55.39	10	2.45	3145	7.71	31	7.60	140.3
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (Oh)	SO	12	428	271	63.32	11	2.57	3238	7.57	22	5.14	138.7
Jon Beutjer, Illinois	JR	11	327	193	59.02	11	3.36	2511	7.68	21	6.42	138.0
David Greene, Georgia	SO	14	379	218	57.52	8	2.11	2924	7.72	22	5.80	137.3
Andrew Walter, Arizona St.	SO	14	483	274	56.73	15	3.11	3877	8.03	28	5.80	137.1
Charlie Frye, Akron	SO	12	380	250	65.79	9	2.37	2824	7.43	15	3.95	136.5
Zack Threadgill, Nevada	SR	12	451	275	60.98	17	3.77	3418	7.58	26	5.76	136.1
Tyler Watts, Alabama	SR	11	181	112	61.88	4	2.21	1414	7.81	7	3.87	135.8
Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky	JR	12	327	183	55.96	5	1.53	2267	6.93	24	7.34	135.4
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	JR	11	382	240	62.83	10	2.62	2763	7.23	19	4.97	134.8
Nate Hybl, Oklahoma	SR	14	363	209	57.58	8	2.20	2538	6.99	24	6.61	133.7
Jason Johnson, Arizona	SR	12	410	239	58.29	13	3.17	3327	8.11	16	3.90	133.0

Total Offense

		RUSHING					PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	YDS/G
Byron Leftwich, Marshall	SR	12	37	93	94	-1	491	4268	528	4267	8.08	355.6
Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech	SR	14	102	221	335	-114	712	5017	814	4903	6.02	350.2
Cody Pickett, Washington	JR	13	86	154	339	-185	612	4458	698	4273	6.12	328.7
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	SO	14	39	120	137	-17	624	4474	663	4457	6.72	318.4
Ryan Schneider, Central Fla.	JR	12	37	44	133	-89	430	3770	467	3681	7.88	306.8
Luke McCown, Louisiana Tech	JR	12	61	220	190	30	505	3539	566	3569	6.31	297.4
Zack Threadgill, Nevada	SR	12	62	229	113	116	451	3418	513	3534	6.89	294.5
Carson Palmer, Southern California	SR	13	50	105	227	-122	489	3942	539	3820	7.09	293.8
Jose Fuentes, Utah St.	SR	11	57	112	216	-104	454	3268	511	3164	6.19	287.6
Adam Hall, San Diego St.	JR	11	64	128	238	-110	452	3253	516	3143	6.09	285.7
Brad Smith, Missouri	FR	12	193	117	150	1029	366	2333	559	3362	6.01	280.2
Casey Bramlet, Wyoming	JR	12	101	322	287	35	464	3290	565	3325	5.88	277.1
Brian Jones, Toledo	SR	14	85	558	144	414	423	3446	508	3860	7.60	275.7
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (Ohio)	SO	12	82	215	269	-54	428	3238	510	3184	6.24	265.3
Josh Harris, Bowling Green	JR	12	186	862	125	737	353	2425	539	3162	5.87	263.5
Seneca Wallace, Iowa St.	SR	14	123	676	239	437	443	3245	566	3682	6.51	263.0
Marquel Blackwell, South Fla.	SR	11	89	415	113	302	403	2590	492	2892	5.88	262.9
Andrew Walter, Arizona St.	SO	14	56	74	290	-216	483	3877	539	3661	6.79	261.5
Rex Grossman, Florida	JR	13	58	174	239	-65	503	3402	561	3337	5.95	256.7
Ken Dorsey, Miami (Fla.)	SR	13	23	45	93	-48	393	3369	416	3321	7.98	255.5
Gino Guiduqli, Cincinnati	SO	14	69	187	160	27	472	3543	541	3570	6.60	255.0
Jason Gesser, Washington St.	SR	13	54	98	214	-116	402	3408	456	3292	7.22	253.2
Eli Manning, Mississippi	JR	13	39	45	165	-120	481	3401	520	3281	6.31	252.4
Scott Rislov, San Jose St.	JR	13	72	212	199	13	449	3251	521	3264	6.26	251.1
Philip Rivers, North Carolina St.	JR	14	57	162	62	100	418	3353	475	3453	7.27	246.6
Jason Johnson, Arizona	SR	12	60	36	409	-373	410	3327	470	2954	6.29	246.2

All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	PLAYS	YDS/PL	YDS	YDS/G
Larry Johnson, Penn St.	SR	13	2087	349	0	219	323	8.22	2655	204.23
Michael Turner, Northern Ill.	JR	12	1915	100	0	269	358	6.38	2284	190.33
Robbie Mixon, Central Mich.	SR	12	1361	253	0	524	308	6.94	2138	178.17
Jason Wright, Northwestern	JR	12	1234	266	0	513	264	7.63	2013	167.75
Brock Forsey, Boise St.	SR	13	1611	282	0	234	340	6.26	2127	163.62
Domanick Davis, LSU	SR	13	931	130	499	560	269	7.88	2120	163.08
Bobby Wade, Arizona	SR	12	4	1389	224	332	127	15.35	1949	162.42
Willis McGahee, Miami (Fla.)	SO	13	1753	355	0	0	309	6.82	2108	162.15
Charles Pauley, San Jose St.	SR	13	67	804	237	978	138	15.12	2086	160.46
Derek Abney, Kentucky	JR	12	5	569	544	804	109	17.63	1922	160.17
Doug Gabriel, Central Fla.	SR	12	52	1237	0	632	113	17.00	1921	160.08
Chris Brown, Colorado	JR	12	1841	40	0	0	308	6.11	1881	156.75
Andre Forde, Buffalo	SR	10	21	748	161	626	106	14.68	1556	155.60
Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma	SR	14	1884	264	0	0	322	6.67	2148	153.43
Nate Burleson, Nevada	SR	12	115	1629	24	67	167	10.99	1835	152.92
Marcus Merriweather, Ball St.	SR	12	1618	207	0	0	354	5.16	1825	152.08
William White, Army	SO	11	13	384	10	123	89	18.49	1646	149.64
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	JR	14	244	1054	752	5	175	11.74	2055	146.79
Terry Caulley, Connecticut	FR	10	1247	205	0	0	245	5.93	1452	145.20
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	SO	13	208	602	377	696	140	13.45	1883	144.85
Avon Cobourne, West Virginia	SR	13	1710	146	0	0	351	5.29	1856	142.77
Steven Jackson, Oregon St.	SO	13	1690	165	0	0	336	5.52	1855	142.69
Donta Greene, Toledo	SR	14	18	712	443	809	134	14.79	1982	141.57

Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Nate Burleson, Nevada	SR	12	138	1629	12	11.50
J.R. Tolver, San Diego St.	SR	13	128	1785	13	9.85
Kassim Osgood, San Diego St.	SR	13	108	1552	8	8.31
Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma St.	JR	13	107	1695	17	8.23
Kevin Walter, Eastern Mich.	SR	12	93	1368	9	7.75
Bobby Wade, Arizona	SR	12	93	1389	8	7.75
Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	SO	10	77	789	0	7.70
Reggie Williams, Washington	SO	13	94	1454	11	7.23
Taurean Henderson, Texas Tech	FR	14	98	633	6	7.00
Robert Redd, Bowling Green	SR	12	83	973	9	6.92
Justin Gage, Missouri	SR	12	82	1074	9	6.83
Kevin Curtis, Utah St.	SR	11	74	1258	9	6.73
Denero Marriott, Marshall	SR	13	86	993	8	6.62
Mack Vincent, La.-Monroe	JR	12	79	1198	7	6.58
Justin Colbert, Hawaii	SR	14	92	1302	8	6.57
Taylor Jacobs, Florida	SR	11	71	1088	8	6.45
Josh Jelmberg, Idaho	SR	10	64	785	8	6.40

Interceptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	SO	14	11	115	0	.79
Jason David, Washington St.	JR	10	7	101	0	.70
Gerald Jones, San Jose St.	JR	12	8	116	1	.67
Jason Goss, TCU	SR	12	8	27	0	.67
Gabe Franklin, Boise St.	SO	13	8	70	0	.62
Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	JR	13	8	133	1	.62
Justin Miller, Clemson	FR	13	8	70	0	.62
Randee Drew, Northern Ill.	JR	12	7	103	0	.58
Vince Thompson, Northern Ill.	SR	9	5	4	0	.56

Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Brock Forsey, Boise St.	SR	13	32	0	0	192	14.77
Willis McGahee, Miami (Fla.)	SO	13	28	0	0	168	12.92
Josh Harris, Bowling Green	JR	12	22	0	0	134	11.17
Larry Johnson, Penn St.	SR	13	23	0	0	140	10.77
Lee Suggs, Virginia Tech	SR	14	24	0	0	144	10.29
Art Brown, East Caro.	JR	10	17	0	0	102	10.20
Chance Harridge, Air Force	JR	13	22	0	0	132	10.15
Michael Turner, Northern Ill.	JR	12	20	0	0	120	10.00
Maurice Clarett, Ohio St.	FR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Terry Caulley, Connecticut	FR	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Nick Calaycay, Boise St.	SR	10	0	63	11	96	9.60
Chris Brown, Colorado	JR	12	19	0	0	114	9.50
Billy Bennett, Georgia	JR	14	0	52	26	130	9.29
Zack Abron, Missouri	JR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Nate Kaeding, Iowa	JR	13	0	57	21	120	9.23
Nick Novak, Maryland	SO	14	0	53	24	125	8.93
Mark-Christian Jensen, California	SR	12	0	50	19	107	8.92
Nick Browne, TCU	JR	12	0	36	23	105	8.75
Craig Candeto, Navy	JR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Drew Dunning, Washington St.	JR	13	0	47	22	113	8.69
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	SO	12	17	0	0	104	8.67
Mike Nugent, Ohio St.	SO	14	0	45	25	120	8.57

Rushing

	YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Larry Johnson, Penn St.	SR	13	271	2087	7.70	20	160.54
Michael Turner, Northern Ill.	JR	12	338	1915	5.67	19	159.58
Chris Brown, Colorado	JR	12	303	1841	6.08	19	153.42
Willis McGahee, Miami (Fla.)	SO	13	282	1753	6.22	28	134.85
Marcus Merriweather, Ball St.	SR	12	332	1618	4.87	12	134.83
Quentin Griffin, Oklahoma	SR	14	287	1884	6.56	15	134.57
Avon Cobourne, West Virginia	SR	13	335	1710	5.10	17	131.54
Steven Jackson, Oregon St.	SO	13	319	1690	5.30	15	130.00
Joffrey Reynolds, Houston	SR	12	316	1545	4.89	11	128.75
Terry Caulley, Connecticut	FR	10	220	1247	5.67	15	124.70
Brock Forsey, Boise St.	SR	13	295	1611	5.46	26	123.92
Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	SO	13	300	1555	5.18	13	119.62
Artose Pinner, Kentucky	SR	12	283	1414	5.00	13	117.83
Fred Russell, Iowa	JR	11	220	1264	5.75	9	114.91
Cecil Sapp, Colorado St.	SR	14	347	1601	4.61	17	114.36
Onterrio Smith, Oregon	JR	10	244	1141	4.68	12	114.10
Robbie Mixon, Central Mich.	SR	12	255	1361	5.34	9	113.42
Rodney Davis, Fresno St.	JR	14	313	1586	5.07	9	113.29
Darren Sproles, Kansas St.	SO	13	237	1465	6.18	17	112.69
Maurice Clarett, Ohio St.	FR	11	222	1237	5.57	16	112.45
Ime Akpan, Eastern Mich.	SR	11	267	1231	4.61	15	111.91
Antoineo Harris, Illinois	SR	12	278	1330	4.78	8	110.83
Derrick Knight, Boston College	JR	13	259	1432	5.53	12	110.15
Derrick Nix, Southern Miss.	SR	11	219	1194	5.45	11	108.55

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Punt Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dan Sheldon, Northern Ill.	SO	21	477	3	22.71
Aris Comeaux, Army	SR	12	233	2	19.42
Cody Cardwell, So. Methodist	SR	27	467	1	17.30
DeJuan Groce, Nebraska	SR	43	732	4	17.02
Lynaris Elpheage, Tulane	JR	28	463	1	16.54
Dexter Wynn, Colorado St.	JR	35	567	1	16.20
DeAngelo Hall, Virginia Tech	SO	22	352	2	16.00
Craig Bragg, UCLA	SO	16	256	1	16.00
Damien Dorsey, Louisville	SR	33	508	1	15.39
Kendrick Mosley, Western Mich.	SR	29	440	2	15.17
Derek Abney, Kentucky	JR	36	544	4	15.11
Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	SO	43	647	3	15.05
Jeremy Bloom, Colorado	FR	23	344	2	14.96
Terence Newman, Kansas St.	SR	26	388	2	14.92
DeAndrew Rubin, South Fla.	SR	29	432	2	14.90
Roscoe Parrish, Miami (Fla.)	FR	27	392	0	14.52
Keenan Howry, Oregon	SR	32	458	2	14.31
Donta Greene, Toledo	SR	31	443	1	14.29
Nathan Vasher, Texas	JR	26	370	1	14.23
Tim Gilligan, Boise St.	JR	35	491	0	14.03

Punting *(minimum 3.6 punts per game)*

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Matt Payne, Brigham Young	SO	12	51	2427	47.59
Mark Mariscal, Colorado	SR	14	67	3186	47.55
Glenn Pakulak, Kentucky	SR	12	66	3008	45.58
Andy Groom, Ohio St.	SR	14	60	2697	44.95
Donnie Jones, LSU	JR	12	64	2813	43.95
Greg Johnson, Vanderbilt	FR	12	66	2892	43.82
Cody Scates, Texas A&M	JR	12	67	2931	43.75
Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	SO	13	65	2833	43.58
Jarad Preston, East Carolina	SR	12	73	3170	43.42
Damon Duval, Auburn	SR	13	54	2344	43.41
Kyle Larson, Nebraska	JR	14	73	3156	43.23
Brooks Barnard, Maryland	SR	14	55	2373	43.15
Andy Lee, Pittsburgh	JR	13	73	3147	43.11
Luke Donovan, Wyoming	JR	12	58	2493	42.98
Seth Marler, Tulane	SR	13	72	3090	42.92
Tim Parker, Arizona St.	JR	14	79	3372	42.68
Robert Billings, Middle Tenn. St.	JR	12	61	2599	42.61
Brian Lewis, Utah	SR	11	58	2471	42.60

Field Goals

	YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
Nick Browne, TCU	JR	12	30	23	.767	1.92
Billy Bennett, Georgia	JR	14	33	26	.788	1.86
Mike Nugent, Ohio St.	SO	14	28	25	.893	1.79
Sandro Sciortino, Boston College	JR	13	32	23	.719	1.77
Nick Novak, Maryland	SO	14	28	24	.857	1.71
Jeff Babcock, Colorado St.	SO	14	32	24	.750	1.71
John Anderson, Washington	SR	13	34	22	.647	1.69
Drew Dunning, Washington St.	JR	13	33	22	.667	1.69
Mike Barth, Arizona St.	SR	14	33	23	.697	1.64
Asen Asparuhov, Fresno St.	SR	14	30	23	.767	1.64
Nate Kaeding, Iowa	JR	13	24	21	.875	1.62
Mark-Christian Jensen, California	SR	12	27	19	.704	1.58
Dan Nystrom, Minnesota	SR	13	21	20	.952	1.54
Jared Siegel, Oregon	SO	13	24	20	.833	1.54
Seth Marler, Tulane	SR	13	33	20	.606	1.54
Steve Azar, Northern Ill.	JR	12	25	18	.720	1.50
Santiago Gramatica, South Fla.	SO	11	21	16	.762	1.45

Kickoff Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Charles Pauley, San Jose St.	SR	31	978	2	31.55
Broderick Clark, Louisville	FR	31	897	2	28.94
LaShaun Ward, California	SR	28	809	1	28.89
Jason Wright, Northwestern	JR	18	513	1	28.50
Nathan Jones, Rutgers	JR	26	736	2	28.31
LaTarence Dunbar, TCU	SR	18	501	1	27.83
Jerome Dennis, Utah St.	SO	14	388	0	27.71
Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	JR	19	526	1	27.68
Makonnen Fenton, Temple	JR	14	380	1	27.14
Derek Abney, Kentucky	JR	30	804	2	26.80
DeAndrew Rubin, South Fla.	SR	15	402	1	26.80
C.J. Jones, Iowa	SR	19	506	1	26.63
Jeff Backes, Northwestern	FR	18	472	0	26.22
Greg Heaggans, Kansas	FR	23	603	1	26.22
Randee Drew, Northern Ill.	JR	15	392	0	26.13
Rod Sneed, Colorado	SR	20	517	0	25.85
Kwane Doster, Vanderbilt	FR	24	616	0	25.67

DIVISION I-A TEAM LEADERS

Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Air Force	13	786	4001	5.09	41	307.77
West Virginia	13	714	3687	5.16	39	283.62
Navy	12	652	3249	4.98	34	270.75
Nebraska	14	724	3762	5.20	29	268.71
Kansas St.	13	655	3433	5.24	53	264.08
Rice	11	606	2725	4.50	24	247.73
Wake Forest	13	718	3135	4.37	33	241.15
Ohio	12	649	2878	4.43	30	239.83
Colorado	14	652	3259	5.00	28	232.79
Penn St.	13	526	2972	5.65	36	228.62
Bowling Green	12	500	2629	5.26	34	219.08
Arkansas	14	643	3065	4.77	22	218.93
Kent St.	12	485	2579	5.32	16	214.92
New Mexico St.	12	573	2575	4.49	25	214.58
UNLV	12	498	2573	5.17	22	214.42
Toledo	14	590	3000	5.08	38	214.29
Iowa	13	553	2784	5.03	24	214.15
Alabama	13	619	2772	4.48	29	213.23
Virginia Tech	14	659	2974	4.51	35	212.43
Minnesota	13	586	2727	4.65	22	209.77

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
TCU	12	393	778	1.98	9	64.8
Kansas St.	13	446	904	2.03	7	69.5
Ohio St.	14	418	1088	2.60	5	77.7
Alabama	13	390	1042	2.67	10	80.2
Iowa	13	416	1065	2.56	17	81.9
Southern California	13	388	1081	2.79	9	83.2
South Fla.	11	420	959	2.28	8	87.2
Washington St.	13	453	1134	2.50	11	87.2
Oregon St.	13	479	1225	2.56	13	94.2
Notre Dame	13	439	1238	2.82	11	95.2
Washington	13	447	1270	2.84	16	97.7
Utah	11	391	1153	2.95	10	104.8
Troy St.	12	456	1263	2.77	9	105.3
Oklahoma	14	496	1510	3.04	9	107.9
Temple	12	459	1300	2.83	22	108.3
Boise St.	13	418	1422	3.40	9	109.4
Louisville	13	514	1469	2.86	15	113.0
Arkansas	14	504	1590	3.15	11	113.6

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Boise St.	13	950	6519	6.86	79	501.46
Hawaii	14	103	6939	6.68	66	495.64
Marshall	13	991	6439	6.50	59	495.31
Texas Tech	14	115	6835	5.92	71	488.21
Toledo	14	103	6611	6.40	66	472.21
Miami (Fla.)	13	887	6056	6.83	70	465.85
Purdue	13	103	5879	5.69	51	452.23
Southern California	13	100	5840	5.79	60	449.23
Bowling Green	12	898	5387	6.00	65	448.92
Illinois	12	915	5356	5.85	43	446.33
Central Florida	12	803	5233	6.52	50	436.08
Nevada	12	897	5210	5.81	44	434.17
Iowa	13	867	5518	6.36	60	424.46
Penn St.	13	877	5508	6.28	57	423.69
Kansas St.	13	878	5499	6.26	79	423.00
Washington St.	13	891	5485	6.16	52	421.92
Washington	13	107	5469	5.09	48	420.69

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
TCU	12	799	2883	3.61	27	240.25
Kansas St.	13	864	3237	3.75	19	249.00
Alabama	13	764	3345	4.38	24	257.31
Troy St.	12	784	3322	4.24	31	276.83
Tennessee	13	840	3703	4.41	24	284.85
Southern California	13	842	3704	4.40	27	284.92
Miami (Fla.)	13	935	3705	3.96	31	285.00
LSU	13	825	3728	4.52	30	286.77
North Texas	13	870	3778	4.34	23	290.62
Oklahoma	14	928	4104	4.42	27	293.14
Oregon St.	13	935	3816	4.08	29	293.54
Pittsburgh	13	878	3848	4.38	27	296.00
Notre Dame	13	891	3900	4.38	27	300.00
North Carolina St.	14	962	4211	4.38	29	300.79
Georgia	14	934	4249	4.55	28	303.50
Texas	13	874	4000	4.58	27	307.69
South Florida	11	820	3398	4.14	27	308.91

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN/G
	GAINED			LOST			
South Florida	14	22	36	10	5	15	1.91
Tulane	21	22	43	11	10	21	1.69
California	21	15	36	8	10	18	1.50
West Virginia	15	19	34	6	9	15	1.46
Southern California	19	17	36	8	10	18	1.38
Wake Forest	21	13	34	10	6	16	1.38
Oklahoma	12	24	36	6	11	17	1.36
Texas	13	22	35	6	12	18	1.31
Wisconsin	13	22	35	9	8	17	1.29
TCU	20	22	42	14	13	27	1.25
Arkansas	17	19	36	6	13	19	1.21
Alabama	15	18	33	9	9	18	1.15
Iowa	11	20	31	11	5	16	1.15
Penn St.	11	20	31	6	11	17	1.08
Virginia	22	15	37	14	8	22	1.07
Connecticut	12	20	32	8	12	20	1.00
Missouri	12	12	24	5	7	12	1.00
Ohio St.	12	18	30	10	7	17	0.93
Florida St.	16	16	32	11	10	21	0.79

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Texas Tech	14	770	515	15	66.88	5444	7.07	50	388.9
Hawaii	14	731	407	26	55.68	5406	7.40	35	386.1
Marshall	13	575	383	15	66.61	4804	8.35	35	369.5
Washington	13	621	372	14	59.90	4501	7.25	28	346.2
San Diego St.	13	584	352	10	60.27	4302	7.37	24	330.9
Central Fla.	12	442	270	17	61.09	3837	8.68	31	319.8
Utah St.	11	487	258	16	52.98	3388	6.96	21	308.0
Southern California	13	494	313	10	63.36	3988	8.07	33	306.8
Arizona St.	14	558	306	16	54.84	4254	7.62	31	303.9
Louisiana Tech	12	527	305	19	57.87	3633	6.89	19	302.8
Nevada	12	477	292	17	61.22	3556	7.45	27	296.3
Boise St.	13	390	251	8	64.36	3808	9.76	32	292.9
Washington St.	13	458	273	14	59.61	3805	8.31	30	292.7
Arizona	12	430	246	14	57.21	3477	8.09	17	289.8
Idaho	12	512	302	18	58.98	3475	6.79	23	289.6
Miami (Fla.)	13	432	241	13	55.79	3695	8.55	32	284.2
Illinois	12	454	258	16	56.83	3388	7.46	26	282.3
Wyoming	12	471	279	18	59.24	3357	7.13	25	279.8

Passing-Efficiency Defense

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Miami (Fla.)	13	353	163	46.18	12	3.40	1556	4.41	8	2.27	83.91
TCU	12	406	158	38.92	22	5.42	2105	5.18	16	3.94	84.62
Kansas St.	13	418	191	45.69	20	4.78	2333	5.58	11	2.63	91.70
Southern Miss.	13	379	177	46.70	16	4.22	2195	5.79	6	1.58	92.13
LSU	13	361	163	45.15	17	4.71	1985	5.50	13	3.60	93.85
Oregon St.	13	456	222	48.68	20	4.39	2591	5.68	10	2.19	94.89
Texas	13	400	192	48.00	22	5.50	2147	5.37	17	4.25	96.11
Marshall	13	366	175	47.81	15	4.10	2099	5.73	10	2.73	96.79
Oklahoma	14	432	206	47.69	24	5.56	2594	6.00	13	3.01	96.96
Notre Dame	13	452	223	49.34	21	4.65	2662	5.89	12	2.65	98.24
Tennessee	13	349	170	48.71	12	3.44	2031	5.82	9	2.58	99.22
North Carolina St.	14	437	217	49.66	16	3.66	2457	5.62	13	2.97	99.42
Tulane	13	436	229	52.52	22	5.05	2494	5.72	12	2.75	99.54
Auburn	13	425	235	55.29	21	4.94	2424	5.70	9	2.12	100.32
Pittsburgh	13	400	210	52.50	15	3.75	2321	5.80	8	2.00	100.34
Alabama	13	374	185	49.47	18	4.81	2303	6.16	11	2.94	101.31
Cincinnati	14	427	220	51.52	17	3.98	2519	5.90	12	2.81	102.37

Scoring Offense

	G	PTS	AVG	TD
Boise St.	13	593	45.62	79
Kansas St.	13	582	44.77	79
Bowling Green	12	490	40.83	65
Miami (Fla.)	13	527	40.54	70
Oklahoma	14	541	38.64	70
Texas Tech	14	537	38.36	71
Iowa	13	484	37.23	60
Hawaii	14	502	35.86	66
Southern California	13	465	35.77	60
California	12	427	35.58	53
Toledo	14	495	35.36	66
Marshall	13	457	35.15	59
Oklahoma St.	13	446	34.31	59
Penn St.	13	446	34.31	57
Air Force	13	440	33.85	56
Texas	13	439	33.77	56
Washington St.	13	431	33.15	52

Scoring Defense

	G	PTS	AVG	TD
Kansas St.	13	154	11.8	19
Ohio St.	14	183	13.1	19
North Texas	13	192	14.8	23
Georgia	14	212	15.1	28
Alabama	13	200	15.4	24
Oklahoma	14	216	15.4	27
Maryland	14	228	16.3	25
Texas	13	212	16.3	27
Notre Dame	13	217	16.7	27
North Carolina St.	14	238	17.0	29
Penn St.	13	227	17.5	29
Tennessee	13	227	17.5	24
Auburn	13	231	17.8	27
Pittsburgh	13	232	17.8	27
LSU	13	238	18.3	30
Southern Miss.	13	238	18.3	23
Boise St.	13	240	18.5	31

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Passing Efficiency *(minimum of 15 attempts per game)*

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT %	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Eric Rasmussen, San Diego	JR	10	279	170	60.93	1	.360	2473	8.86	25	8.96	164.2
Billy Napier, Furman	SR	12	276	189	68.48	8	2.90	2475	8.97	16	5.80	157.1
Ira Vandever, Drake	SR	11	361	205	56.79	11	3.05	3239	8.97	32	8.86	155.3
Russ Michna, Western Ill.	JR	13	330	189	57.27	5	1.52	3037	9.20	23	6.97	154.5
Jack Tomco, Southeast Mo. St.	JR	12	372	242	65.05	16	4.30	3132	8.42	29	7.80	152.9
David Paulus, Georgetown	SR	11	182	107	58.79	4	2.20	1438	7.90	17	9.34	151.6
Robert Kent, Jackson St.	JR	11	395	232	58.73	12	3.04	3386	8.57	31	7.85	150.6
Tony Romo, Eastern Ill.	SR	12	407	258	63.39	16	3.93	3165	7.78	34	8.35	148.4
Josh Blankenship, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	418	250	59.81	7	1.67	3243	7.76	30	7.18	145.3
David Splithoff, Princeton	JR	8	142	85	59.86	4	2.82	1223	8.61	8	5.63	145.2
Ryan Fitzpatrick, Harvard	SO	10	150	94	62.67	0	0	1155	7.70	8	5.33	144.9
Brett Gordon, Villanova	SR	15	578	385	66.61	14	2.42	4305	7.45	36	6.23	144.9
Kyle Slager, Brown	JR	10	340	230	67.65	10	2.94	2609	7.67	19	5.59	144.7
Dave Corley, William & Mary	SR	11	329	200	60.79	9	2.74	2672	8.12	21	6.38	144.6
Kevin Eakin, Fordham	JR	13	383	239	62.40	9	2.35	3040	7.94	22	5.74	143.3
Jamie Burke, Florida Int'l	FR	11	195	113	57.95	11	5.64	1652	8.47	14	7.18	141.5
Neil Rose, Harvard	SR	8	186	123	66.13	5	2.69	1438	7.73	8	4.30	139.9
Mike Mitchell, Pennsylvania	SR	10	371	241	64.96	13	3.50	2803	7.56	20	5.39	139.2
Bruce Eugene, Grambling	SO	13	543	269	49.54	16	2.95	4483	8.26	43	7.92	139.1
Leon McCampbell, South Carolina St.	JR	12	233	127	54.51	11	4.72	1972	8.46	15	6.44	137.4
Paul Nichols, Davidson	SR	10	308	174	56.49	10	3.25	2189	7.11	25	8.12	136.5
Stewart Childress, Murray St.	JR	12	266	169	63.53	7	2.63	1894	7.12	14	5.26	135.4
David Macchi, Valparaiso	JR	11	390	212	54.36	18	4.62	3326	8.53	21	5.38	134.5
Doug Baughman, Idaho St.	SR	11	394	236	59.90	11	2.79	2936	7.45	21	5.33	134.5
Niel Loebig, Duquesne	SO	12	362	191	52.76	13	3.59	2685	7.42	29	8.01	134.3
Travis Lulay, Montana St.	SO	13	272	157	57.72	5	1.84	2042	7.51	14	5.15	134.1

Total Offense

		RUSHING					PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	YDS/G
Bruce Eugene, Grambling	SO	13	137	723	188	535	543	4483	680	5018	7.38	386.0
Ira Vandever, Drake	SR	11	127	646	231	415	361	3239	488	3654	7.49	332.2
Brian Mann, Dartmouth	SR	10	118	565	172	393	423	2913	541	3306	6.11	330.6
Robert Kent, Jackson St.	JR	11	118	450	271	179	395	3386	513	3565	6.95	324.1
David Macchi, Valparaiso	JR	11	132	479	256	223	390	3326	522	3549	6.80	322.6
David Caudill, Morehead St.	JR	12	162	733	200	533	362	2979	524	3512	6.70	292.7
Josh Blankenship, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	41	80	176	-96	418	3243	459	3147	6.86	286.1
Brett Gordon, Villanova	SR	15	87	148	298	-150	578	4305	665	4155	6.25	277.0
Doug Baughman, Idaho St.	SR	11	69	198	126	72	394	2936	463	3008	6.50	273.5
Mike Mitchell, Pennsylvania	SR	10	41	65	139	-74	371	2803	412	2729	6.62	272.9
Tony Romo, Eastern Ill.	SR	12	35	72	88	-16	407	3165	442	3149	7.12	262.4
Kyle Slager, Brown	JR	10	57	133	160	-27	340	2609	397	2582	6.50	258.2
Jack Tomco, Southeast Mo. St.	JR	12	24	29	91	-62	372	3132	396	3070	7.75	255.8
Jeremy Martin, Gardner-Webb	SR	10	114	464	103	361	327	2166	441	2527	5.73	252.7
Dave Corley, William & Mary	SR	11	106	403	301	102	329	2672	435	2774	6.38	252.2
Tom McCune, Colgate	SR	9	91	466	155	311	255	1951	346	2262	6.54	251.3
Andy Hall, Delaware	FR	11	153	956	93	863	306	1832	459	2695	5.87	245.0
Eric Rasmussen, San Diego	JR	10	66	200	227	-27	279	2473	345	2446	7.09	244.6
Russ Michna, Western Ill.	JR	13	81	312	182	130	330	3037	411	3167	7.71	243.6
John Edwards, Montana	SR	14	119	361	257	104	449	3209	568	3313	5.83	236.6
Ryan Leadingham, Cal St. Sacramento	SO	12	80	282	254	28	373	2788	453	2816	6.22	234.7
Leon McCampbell, South Carolina St.	JR	12	180	961	120	841	233	1972	413	2813	6.81	234.4
Marko Glavic, Lafayette	JR	12	87	243	123	120	399	2670	486	2790	5.74	232.5
Kevin Eakin, Fordham	JR	13	66	141	198	-57	383	3040	449	2983	6.64	229.5
Paul Nichols, Davidson	SR	10	50	167	102	65	308	2189	358	2254	6.30	225.4
Ryan Cosentino, Hofstra	JR	12	79	290	220	70	415	2608	494	2678	5.42	223.2

All-Purpose Running

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	PLAYS	YDS/PL	YDS	YDS/G
Stephan Lewis, New Hampshire	SR	11	1152	419	13	645	315	7.08	2229	202.64
Andre Raymond, Eastern Ill.	JR	12	612	672	112	872	244	9.30	2268	189.00
Jay Bailey, Austin Peay	SR	12	1687	85	0	381	351	6.13	2153	179.42
Ari Confesor, Holy Cross	JR	12	113	721	322	841	124	16.10	1997	166.42
Fred Amey, Cal St. Sacramento	SO	11	31	989	278	514	117	15.49	1812	164.73
Tony Tompkins, Stephen F. Austin	FR	11	688	255	265	587	198	9.07	1795	163.18
Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.)	JR	12	1509	163	0	277	254	7.67	1949	162.42
T.J. Stallings, Morgan St.	SR	12	1169	654	0	106	287	6.72	1929	160.75
Korea McKay, Ark.-Pine Bluff	JR	11	0	1009	124	595	98	17.63	1728	157.09
Justin Campbell, Butler	SO	10	427	146	0	971	124	12.45	1544	154.40
James Bialasik, Canisius	SR	11	97	414	339	827	101	16.60	1677	152.45
Javarus Dudley, Fordham	JR	13	0	1106	0	840	114	17.07	1946	149.69
Willie Ponder, Southeast Mo. St.	SR	12	0	1453	25	257	102	17.51	1786	148.83
Carl Morris, Harvard	SR	10	19	1288	153	14	117	12.60	1474	147.40
Tramon Douglas, Grambling	JR	12	0	1704	50	0	95	18.46	1754	146.17
Jermaine Pugh, Lehigh	JR	12	1339	156	257	0	305	5.74	1752	146.00
Robert Carr, Yale	SO	10	1083	26	0	333	256	5.63	1442	144.20
Joe McCourt, Lafayette	SO	12	1393	332	0	2	355	4.86	1727	143.92
Aryvia Holmes, Samford	SR	10	0	1158	250	0	100	14.08	1408	140.80
Verondre Barnes, Liberty	SO	11	1304	169	0	66	242	6.36	1539	139.91
Dale Jennings, Butler	SR	10	973	345	0	42	220	6.18	1360	136.00
P.J. Mays, Youngstown St.	SR	11	1284	192	0	0	266	5.55	1476	134.18
Ryan Fuqua, Portland St.	SO	11	1283	179	0	0	331	4.42	1462	132.91

Receptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT/G
Chas Gessner, Brown	SR	10	114	1166	11	11.40
Carl Morris, Harvard	SR	10	90	1288	8	9.00
Rob Milanese, Pennsylvania	SR	10	85	1112	8	8.50
Aryvia Holmes, Samford	SR	10	84	1158	9	8.40
Jay Barnard, Dartmouth	JR	10	83	899	8	8.30
Tramon Douglas, Grambling	JR	12	92	1704	18	7.67
Willie Ponder, Southeast Mo. St.	SR	12	87	1453	15	7.25
Casey Cramer, Dartmouth	JR	10	72	1017	7	7.20
Keith Ferguson, Cornell	SR	10	69	844	2	6.90
Chisom Opara, Princeton	SR	9	57	772	3	6.33
Aaron Overton, Drake	SR	11	68	1180	12	6.18
Tim Manning, Jackson St.	JR	11	66	1077	7	6.00
Korea McKay, Ark.-Pine Bluff	JR	11	66	1009	7	6.00
Jon Turner, Jacksonville	SR	10	60	890	6	6.00
Jeremy Conley, Duquesne	SR	12	72	1216	14	6.00
Javarus Dudley, Fordham	JR	13	77	1106	8	5.92
Andre Raymond, Eastern Ill.	JR	12	70	672	5	5.83

Interceptions Per Game

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	I/G
Rashean Mathis, Bethune-Cookman	SR	13	14	455	3	1.08
Mark Kasmer, Dayton	SR	12	11	157	2	.92
Antwan Hill, Alabama St.	SO	12	10	199	1	.83
Corey Oaks, Robert Morris	SR	10	7	130	2	.70
Chris Blackshear, Central Conn. St.	SO	10	7	204	1	.70
Chad King, Stony Brook	JR	10	7	109	1	.70
Mike Devore, St. John's (N.Y.)	JR	10	7	45	0	.70
Ricky Brown, Florida A&M	SR	12	8	38	0	.67
Tyrone Parsons, Alcorn St.	JR	11	7	75	0	.64

Scoring

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
T.J. Stallings, Morgan St.	SR	12	23	0	0	144	12.00
Dale Jennings, Butler	SR	10	20	0	0	120	12.00
Chaz Williams, Ga. Southern	SO	14	27	0	0	162	11.57
Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.)	JR	12	23	0	0	138	11.50
J.R. Taylor, Eastern Ill.	SR	12	18	0	0	112	9.33
Tramon Douglas, Grambling	JR	12	18	0	0	108	9.00
Jay Bailey, Austin Peay	SR	12	18	0	0	108	9.00
Justin Langan, Western Ill.	SO	13	0	56	20	116	8.92
Kirwin Watson, Fordham	JR	13	19	0	0	114	8.77
Billy Blanchard, Murray St.	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
MacKenzie Hoambrecker, No. Iowa	SR	11	0	18	25	93	8.45
Lee Davis, Southwest Tex. St.	SR	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Jesse Obert, Dayton	SR	12	0	48	17	99	8.25
Alfredo Rulliano, Marist	SR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
R.J. Cobbs, Massachusetts	FR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
C.J. Hudson, Eastern Ky.	SO	12	16	0	0	98	8.17
Willie Ponder, Southeast Mo. St.	SR	12	16	0	0	98	8.17
Peter Veldman, Pennsylvania	JR	10	0	43	12	79	7.90
Allen Suber, Bethune-Cookman	JR	12	15	0	0	94	7.83
Isaac Mitchell, Idaho St.	JR	10	13	0	0	78	7.80
Chris Snyder, Montana	JR	14	0	50	19	107	7.64
Jonathan Taylor, Drake	JR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64

Rushing

	YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Jay Bailey, Austin Peay	SR	12	319	1687	5.29	18	140.58
J.R. Taylor, Eastern Ill.	SR	12	254	1522	5.99	18	126.83
Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.)	JR	12	231	1509	6.53	22	125.75
Verondre Barnes, Liberty	SO	11	221	1304	5.90	5	118.55
P.J. Mays, Youngstown St.	SR	11	255	1284	5.04	11	116.73
Ryan Fuqua, Portland St.	SO	11	305	1283	4.21	10	116.64
Derek Clayton, St. Peter's	JR	11	233	1277	5.48	9	116.09
Joe McCourt, Lafayette	SO	12	314	1393	4.44	13	116.08
Kirwin Watson, Fordham	JR	13	285	1467	5.15	18	112.85
Jermaine Pugh, Lehigh	JR	12	263	1339	5.09	11	111.58
Mike Hilliard, Duquesne	JR	12	303	1310	4.32	14	109.17
Christopher Price, Marist	SR	11	230	1196	5.20	9	108.73
Robert Carr, Yale	SO	10	236	1083	4.59	10	108.30
Quincy Washington, Illinois St.	SR	11	254	1158	4.56	9	105.27
Stephan Lewis, New Hampshire	SR	11	242	1152	4.76	8	104.73
Adam Benge, Northern Iowa	SR	11	271	1133	4.18	6	103.00
Cameron Atkinson, Princeton	SR	10	187	1028	5.50	10	102.80
Jovan Griffith, Eastern Wash.	SR	11	192	1130	5.89	12	102.73
Jon Frazier, Western Ky.	SR	15	303	1537	5.07	12	102.47
Chaz Williams, Ga. Southern	SO	14	290	1422	4.90	27	101.57
Jermaine Austin, Ga. Southern	FR	14	244	1416	5.80	8	101.14
Marcus Williams, Maine	SO	14	263	1406	5.35	7	100.43
Ryan Johnson, Montana St.	SR	11	269	1092	4.06	7	99.27
Billy Blanchard, Murray St.	SR	11	179	1081	6.04	16	98.27

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Punt Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Zuriel Smith, Hampton	SR	27	500	1	18.52
Toby Zeigler, Northwestern St.	FR	24	392	1	16.33
Aryvia Holmes, Samford	SR	16	250	0	16.33
Fred Akon, Mississippi Val.	SR	16	241	1	15.06
Bear Rinehart, Furman	SR	17	253	1	14.88
Kris Peters, Alcorn St.	SR	16	235	1	14.69
Antonio Veals, Western Ky.	JR	33	484	1	14.67
Corey Smith, Montana St.	JR	25	366	1	14.64
Ari Confesor, Holy Cross	JR	22	322	1	14.64
Emery Beckles, Idaho St.	JR	37	526	1	14.22
Justin George, Southern Ill.	SO	14	194	0	13.86
Dan McGrath, Fordham	JR	48	662	2	13.79
Lonnie Teagle, Alcorn St.	SO	19	262	0	13.79
Ryan Castellani, Wagner	SR	36	491	1	13.64
Nicholas Wells, Alabama A&M	JR	30	409	0	13.63
Ryan Thornton, Northern Ariz.	JR	20	270	0	13.50
Darrell Jones, Cal Poly	SO	17	228	1	13.41
DaVon Fowlkes, Appalachian St.	SO	36	478	1	13.28
Brandon Martin, Butler	JR	13	171	1	13.15
Linj Shell, Jacksonville	SR	17	222	0	13.06

Punting *(minimum 3.6 punts per game)*

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Mark Gould, Northern Ariz.	JR	11	62	2987	48.18
Mike Scifres, Western Ill.	SR	13	53	2545	48.02
Brent Barth, VMI	SR	12	64	3032	47.38
Eddie Johnson, Idaho St.	SR	11	51	2357	46.22
David Beckford, Alabama St.	SR	12	57	2505	43.95
Travis Grubb, Chattanooga	SR	12	66	2893	43.83
Derrick Frost, Northern Iowa	SR	11	49	2137	43.61
Richie Rhodes, Jacksonville St.	SO	11	60	2583	43.05
Aaron Bass, East Tenn. St.	JR	12	77	3306	42.94
Travis Zobel, Citadel	JR	12	48	2050	42.71
Aaron Wall, Ark.-Pine Bluff	SR	11	67	2859	42.67
Gilbert Rocha, Cal Poly	JR	11	62	2640	42.58
Jimmy Miner, Wofford	JR	12	47	1985	42.23
Nathan McKinney, Appalachian St.	JR	12	59	2488	42.17
Jeff Gomulinski, Fairfield	SO	11	66	2776	42.06
Josh Polgar, New Hampshire	JR	11	49	2019	41.20
Ryan Horvath, Drake	FR	11	44	1806	41.05
Shane Laisle, Rhode Island	JR	12	66	2701	40.92

Field Goals

	YEAR	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FG/G
MacKenzie Hoambrecker, No. Iowa	SR	11	28	25	.893	2.27
Justin Langan, Western Ill.	SO	13	27	20	.741	1.54
Jesse Obert, Dayton	SR	12	23	17	.739	1.42
Matt Fordyce, Fordham	SR	13	26	18	.692	1.38
Chris Snyder, Montana	JR	14	32	19	.594	1.36
Martin Brecht, Lafayette	SR	12	26	16	.615	1.33
Stephen Carroll, Illinois St.	SO	10	19	13	.684	1.30
Greg Kuehn, William & Mary	SO	11	21	14	.667	1.27
Mike Cajal-Willis, Portland St.	SR	11	22	14	.636	1.27
Vince Patrick, Texas Southern	JR	11	19	14	.737	1.27
Jeremy Hershey, Idaho St.	JR	11	26	14	.538	1.27
Chris Onorato, Hofstra	JR	12	22	15	.682	1.25
Mark Wright, Appalachian St.	SR	12	23	15	.652	1.25
Peter Martinez, Western Ky.	SR	15	25	18	.720	1.20
Tyler Lavin, Dartmouth	SO	10	16	12	.750	1.20
Peter Veldman, Pennsylvania	JR	10	15	12	.800	1.20
Paul Ernster, Northern Ariz.	SO	11	19	13	.684	1.18

Kickoff Returns *(minimum 1.2 returns per game)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Corey Alexander, Texas Southern	SO	19	615	1	32.37
Cortland Finnegan, Samford	FR	23	741	2	32.22
William Sherman, Morgan St.	SR	15	452	0	30.13
LeJuan Walker, Nicholls St.	SO	18	535	0	29.72
DaShaun Morris, Delaware St.	JR	25	708	3	28.32
D'Brian Hudgins, N.C. A&T	FR	16	450	1	28.13
Chad King, Stony Brook	JR	16	445	2	27.81
Anthony Owens, Norfolk St.	SR	30	832	1	27.73
Andre Raymond, Eastern Ill.	JR	32	872	1	27.25
Bud Pough, Citadel	JR	18	487	1	27.06
Justin Campbell, Butler	SO	37	971	1	26.24
Anthony Williams, Ga. Southern	SR	18	470	1	26.11
Hashim Hall, Portland St.	SR	21	543	0	25.86
Rodney Byrnes, Harvard	SO	15	386	1	25.73
Fred Amey, Cal St. Sacramento	SO	20	514	0	25.70
Soso Dede, Indiana St.	JR	18	459	1	25.50
Ari Confesor, Holy Cross	JR	33	841	1	25.48

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Rushing Offense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Ga. Southern	14	859	5407	6.29	54	386.21
Wofford	12	752	4106	5.46	39	342.17
Southern Ill.	12	613	3308	5.40	36	275.67
St. Mary's (Cal.)	12	659	3168	4.81	32	264.00
Dayton	12	637	3058	4.80	39	254.83
Western Ky.	15	828	3793	4.58	41	252.87
Albany (N.Y.)	12	589	3028	5.14	39	252.33
Nicholls St.	11	561	2749	4.90	33	249.91
St. Peter's	11	523	2686	5.14	22	244.18
Rhode Island	12	624	2904	4.65	17	242.00
Murray St.	12	557	2849	5.11	35	237.42
Bethune-Cookman	13	564	3009	5.34	36	231.46
Eastern Ky.	12	597	2769	4.64	33	230.75
Marist	11	559	2524	4.52	29	229.45
Elon	11	594	2454	4.13	25	223.09
Southern Utah	11	599	2385	3.98	22	216.82
Morgan St.	12	529	2535	4.79	28	211.25
McNeese St.	15	714	3108	4.35	38	207.20
Northeastern	13	617	2691	4.36	27	207.00
Delaware	12	535	2475	4.63	23	206.25

Rushing Defense

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Pennsylvania	10	301	558	1.85	7	55.8
Dayton	12	380	813	2.14	7	67.8
Marist	11	372	863	2.32	13	78.5
Alabama A&M	12	432	1005	2.33	10	83.8
Albany (N.Y.)	12	399	1114	2.79	9	92.8
Duquesne	12	468	1116	2.38	6	93.0
Alabama St.	12	414	1135	2.74	19	94.6
Sacred Heart	10	426	972	2.28	9	97.2
Colgate	12	428	1191	2.78	11	99.3
Bucknell	11	418	1093	2.61	8	99.4
Northwestern St.	13	471	1292	2.74	15	99.4
Eastern Ky.	12	432	1198	2.77	13	99.8
Montana	14	516	1410	2.73	14	100.7
Wagner	11	421	1117	2.65	8	101.5
Northern Ariz.	11	417	1137	2.73	13	103.4
Northeastern	13	494	1344	2.72	9	103.4
Iona	11	440	1167	2.65	18	106.1
St. Peter's	11	414	1169	2.82	8	106.3

Total Offense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Jackson St.	11	869	5340	6.14	47	485.45
Grambling	13	969	6217	6.42	70	478.23
Ga. Southern	14	981	6575	6.70	66	469.64
Drake	10	764	5070	6.64	49	460.91
Eastern Ill.	12	888	5431	6.12	61	452.58
Eastern Wash.	11	766	4923	6.43	50	447.55
Southeast Mo. St.	12	886	5368	6.06	56	447.33
Harvard	10	758	4267	5.63	38	426.70
Morehead St.	12	889	5108	5.75	47	425.67
Dartmouth	10	767	4166	5.43	31	416.60
Gardner-Webb	10	739	4149	5.61	35	414.90
Furman	12	842	4966	5.90	48	413.83
Idaho St.	11	789	4534	5.75	42	412.18
Villanova	15	111	6146	5.51	60	409.73
Pennsylvania	10	749	4084	5.45	46	408.40
Cal St. Sacramento	12	904	4893	5.41	41	407.75
San Diego	10	684	4075	5.96	38	407.50

Total Defense

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Duquesne	12	724	2256	3.12	13	188.00
Wagner	11	628	2192	3.49	16	199.27
Sacred Heart	10	678	2063	3.04	15	206.30
Marist	11	671	2731	4.07	30	248.27
St. Francis (Pa.)	10	623	2508	4.03	30	250.80
Stony Brook	10	693	2570	3.71	15	257.00
Robert Morris	10	619	2616	4.23	29	261.60
Siena	10	636	2645	4.16	24	264.50
Maine	14	908	3747	4.13	27	267.64
Iona	11	726	2947	4.06	33	267.91
Wofford	12	752	3245	4.32	24	270.42
Pennsylvania	10	689	2756	4.00	17	275.60
Bethune-Cookman	13	829	3584	4.32	26	275.69
Morehead St.	12	758	3311	4.37	30	275.92
Northwestern St.	13	817	3596	4.40	39	276.62
Monmouth	10	655	2769	4.23	22	276.90
Bucknell	11	733	3051	4.16	34	277.36

Turnover Margin

	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN/G
	GAINED			LOST			
Dayton	9	28	37	10	4	14	1.92
N.C. A&T	18	27	45	13	12	25	1.67
Gardner-Webb	11	16	27	9	4	13	1.40
Montana	18	16	34	5	10	15	1.36
Austin Peay	18	16	34	8	10	18	1.33
Northeastern	20	16	36	12	8	20	1.23
Hampton	21	12	33	10	9	19	1.17
Western Ky.	15	20	35	12	6	18	1.13
Duquesne	15	25	40	13	14	27	1.08
Bethune-Cookman	18	21	39	8	17	25	1.08
Western Ill.	17	15	32	14	5	19	1.00
Colgate	15	14	29	10	8	18	.92
Southern Ill.	18	12	30	14	5	19	.92
Massachusetts	17	20	37	9	17	26	.92
East Tenn. St.	19	14	33	12	10	22	.92
Wagner	17	12	29	6	13	19	.91
Harvard	10	11	21	7	5	12	.90
Murray St.	14	13	27	10	7	17	.83
Marist	17	15	32	13	10	23	.82

Passing Offense

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Grambling	13	574	277	18	48.26	4689	8.17	45	360.7
Jackson St.	11	426	244	14	57.28	3519	8.26	31	319.9
Eastern Wash.	11	444	267	7	60.14	3493	7.87	33	317.5
Valparaiso	11	412	221	19	53.64	3465	8.41	24	315.0
Drake	10	380	214	15	56.32	3360	8.84	32	305.5
Brown	10	421	274	16	65.08	2963	7.04	21	296.3
Pennsylvania	10	384	250	13	65.10	2962	7.71	23	296.2
Dartmouth	10	426	255	10	59.86	2931	6.88	19	293.1
Villanova	15	587	388	14	66.10	4303	7.33	36	286.9
Southeast Mo. St.	12	413	264	18	63.92	3442	8.33	34	286.8
Idaho St.	11	414	248	12	59.90	3074	7.43	22	279.5
San Diego	10	319	195	4	61.13	2781	8.72	26	278.1
Eastern Ill.	12	423	263	17	62.17	3213	7.60	34	267.8
Harvard	10	337	218	5	64.69	2627	7.80	17	262.7
Ark.-Pine Bluff	11	408	177	21	43.38	2857	7.00	23	259.7
Weber St.	11	399	225	15	56.39	2781	6.97	20	252.8
Cal St. Sacramento	12	388	230	7	59.28	3019	7.78	18	251.6
Florida A&M	12	425	224	19	52.71	3009	7.08	25	250.8

Passing-Efficiency Defense

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Sacred Heart	10	252	87	34.52	19	7.54	1091	4.33	4	1.59	61.03
Duquesne	12	256	104	40.63	25	9.77	1140	4.45	5	1.95	64.92
Beth.-Cookman	13	298	120	40.27	21	7.05	1652	5.54	7	2.35	80.52
St. Francis (Pa.)	10	220	92	41.82	11	5.00	1077	4.90	6	2.73	81.92
Morehead St.	12	314	146	46.50	20	6.37	1651	5.26	6	1.91	84.23
Robert Morris	10	164	69	42.07	13	7.93	909	5.54	6	3.66	84.88
Wagner	11	207	102	49.28	12	5.80	1075	5.19	5	2.42	89.30
Dayton	12	434	203	46.77	28	6.45	2617	6.03	8	1.84	90.63
Maine	14	333	153	45.95	20	6.01	1854	5.57	11	3.30	91.56
Stephen F. Austin	11	273	132	48.35	12	4.40	1584	5.80	5	1.83	94.39
Ga. Southern	14	385	180	46.75	15	3.90	2154	5.59	10	2.60	94.58
Stony Brook	10	268	142	52.99	12	4.48	1390	5.19	6	2.24	95.00
Mississippi Val.	11	324	154	47.53	18	5.56	1833	5.66	12	3.70	96.13
Siena	10	263	129	49.05	12	4.56	1378	5.24	10	3.80	96.43
Lehigh	12	338	166	49.11	12	3.55	1903	5.63	8	2.37	97.10
McNeese St.	15	398	168	42.21	20	5.03	2491	6.26	15	3.77	97.16
Villanova	15	400	206	51.50	15	3.75	2276	5.69	8	2.00	98.40

Scoring Offense

	G	PTS	AVG	TD
Grambling	13	506	38.92	70
Pennsylvania	10	363	36.30	46
Western Ill.	13	470	36.15	58
Eastern Ill.	12	424	35.33	61
Dayton	12	423	35.25	53
Ga. Southern	14	493	35.21	66
Southeast Mo. St.	12	416	34.67	56
Southern Ill.	12	414	34.50	56
Hampton	12	405	33.75	54
Eastern Wash.	11	365	33.18	50
Duquesne	12	397	33.08	56
Drake	10	355	35.50	49
Fordham	13	418	32.15	53
Davidson	10	320	32.00	42
Eastern Ky.	12	383	31.92	49
McNeese St.	15	478	31.87	62
Murray St.	12	382	31.83	50

Scoring Defense

	G	PTS	AVG	TD
Duquesne	12	115	9.6	13
Dayton	12	118	9.8	15
Stony Brook	10	118	11.8	15
Wagner	11	134	12.2	16
Sacred Heart	10	129	12.9	15
Pennsylvania	10	132	13.2	17
Ga. Southern	14	190	13.6	24
Bethune-Cookman	13	200	15.4	26
Maine	14	216	15.4	27
Northeastern	13	208	16.0	24
Western Ky.	15	246	16.4	32
Wofford	12	197	16.4	24
Idaho St.	11	188	17.1	24
Fordham	13	225	17.3	27
South Carolina St.	12	212	17.7	26
Monmouth	10	177	17.7	22
Nicholls St.	11	195	17.7	25

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Atlantic Coast

	CONFERENCE W	L	PCT	OVERALL W	L	PCT
Florida State	7	1	.875	9	5	.643
Maryland	6	2	.750	11	3	.786
Virginia	6	2	.750	9	5	.643
N.C. State	5	3	.625	11	3	.786
Clemson	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
Georgia Tech	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
Wake Forest	3	5	.375	7	6	.538
North Carolina	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
Duke	0	8	.000	2	10	.167

Big East

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Miami (FL)	7	0	1.000	12	1	.923
West Virginia	6	1	.857	9	4	.692
Pittsburgh	5	2	.714	9	4	.692
Boston College	3	4	.429	9	4	.692
Virginia Tech	3	4	.429	10	4	.714
Syracuse	2	5	.286	4	8	.333
Temple	2	5	.286	4	8	.333
Rutgers	0	7	.000	1	11	.083

Big Ten

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Iowa	8	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Ohio State	8	0	1.000	14	0	1.000
Michigan	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
Penn State	5	3	.625	9	4	.692
Illinois	4	4	.500	5	7	.417
Purdue	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
Minnesota	3	5	.375	8	5	.615
Michigan State	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
Wisconsin	2	6	.250	8	6	.571
Indiana	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
Northwestern	1	7	.125	3	9	.250

Big 12

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
NORTH						
Colorado	7	1	.875	9	5	.643
Kansas State	6	2	.750	11	2	.846
Iowa State	4	4	.500	7	7	.500
Nebraska	3	5	.375	7	7	.500
Missouri	2	6	.250	5	7	.417
Kansas	0	8	.000	2	10	.167
SOUTH						
Oklahoma	6	2	.750	12	2	.857
Texas	6	2	.750	11	2	.846
Oklahoma State	5	3	.625	8	5	.643
Texas Tech	5	3	.625	9	5	.643
Texas A&M	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Baylor	1	7	.125	3	9	.250

Conference USA

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Cincinnati	6	2	.750	7	7	.500
TCU	6	2	.750	10	2	.833
Louisville	5	3	.625	7	6	.538
Southern Miss	5	3	.625	7	6	.538
East Carolina	4	4	.500	4	8	.333
Tulane	4	4	.500	8	5	.615
UAB	4	4	.500	5	7	.417
Houston	3	5	.375	5	7	.417
Memphis	2	6	.250	3	9	.250
Army	1	7	.125	1	11	.083

Mid-American

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
EAST						
Marshall	7	1	.875	11	2	.846
Central Florida	6	2	.750	7	5	.583
Miami (OH)	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
Ohio	4	4	.500	4	8	.333
Akron	3	5	.375	4	8	.333
Kent State	1	7	.125	3	9	.250
Buffalo	0	8	.000	1	11	.083
WEST						
Toledo	7	1	.875	9	5	.643
Northern Ill.	7	1	.875	8	4	.667
Bowling Green	6	2	.750	9	3	.750
Ball State	4	4	.500	6	6	.500
Western Michigan	3	5	.375	4	8	.333
Central Michigan	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
Eastern Michigan	1	7	.125	3	9	.250

Mountain West

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Colorado State	6	1	.857	10	4	.714
New Mexico	5	2	.714	7	7	.500
Air Force	4	3	.571	8	5	.615
San Diego St.	4	3	.571	4	9	.308
UNLV	3	4	.429	5	7	.417
Utah	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
BYU	2	5	.286	5	7	.417
Wyoming	1	6	.143	2	10	.167

Pac-10

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
USC	7	1	.875	11	2	.846
Washington St.	7	1	.875	10	3	.769
Arizona St.	5	3	.625	8	6	.571
California	4	4	.500	7	5	.583
Oregon St.	4	4	.500	8	5	.615
UCLA	4	4	.500	8	5	.615
Washington	4	4	.500	7	6	.538
Oregon	3	5	.375	7	6	.538
Arizona	1	7	.125	4	8	.333
Stanford	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

Southeastern

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
EAST						
Georgia	7	1	.875	13	1	.929
Florida	6	2	.750	8	5	.615
Tennessee	5	3	.625	8	5	.615
Kentucky	3	5	.375	7	5	.583
South Carolina	3	5	.375	5	7	.417
Vanderbilt	0	8	.000	2	10	.167
WEST						
Alabama	6	2	.750	10	3	.769
Arkansas	5	3	.625	9	5	.643
Auburn	5	3	.625	9	4	.692
LSU	5	3	.625	8	5	.615
Mississippi	3	5	.375	7	6	.538
Mississippi St.	0	8	.000	3	9	.250

Sun Belt

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
North Texas	6	0	1.000	8	5	.615
New Mexico St.	5	1	.833	7	5	.583
Arkansas St.	3	3	.500	6	7	.462
Middle Tenn. St.	2	4	.333	4	8	.333
La.-Lafayette	2	4	.333	3	9	.250
La.-Monroe	2	4	.333	3	9	.250
Idaho	1	5	.167	2	10	.167

Western Athletic

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Boise State	8	0	1.000	12	1	.923
Hawaii	7	1	.875	10	4	.714
Fresno St.	6	2	.750	9	5	.643
Nevada	4	4	.500	5	7	.417
San Jose St.	4	4	.500	6	7	.462
Louisiana Tech	3	5	.375	4	8	.333
Rice	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
SMU	3	5	.375	3	9	.250
UTEP	1	7	.125	2	10	.167
Tulsa	1	7	.125	1	11	.083

Independents

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
South Florida	9	2	.818			
Notre Dame	10	3	.769			
Connecticut	6	6	.500			
Utah St.	4	7	.364			
Troy St.	4	8	.333			
Navy	2	10	.167			

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Atlantic 10

	CONFERENCE W	L	PCT	OVERALL W	L	PCT
Maine	7	2	.778	11	3	.786
Northeastern	7	2	.778	10	3	.769
Villanova	6	3	.667	11	4	.733
Massachusetts	6	3	.667	8	4	.667
William & Mary	5	4	.556	6	5	.545
Delaware	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Hofstra	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Richmond	4	5	.444	4	7	.364
James Madison	3	6	.333	5	7	.417
New Hampshire	2	7	.222	3	8	.273
Rhode Island	1	8	.111	3	9	.250

Big Sky

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Idaho St.	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Montana	5	2	.714	11	3	.786
Montana St.	5	2	.714	7	6	.538
Eastern Wash.	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Northern Ariz.	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Portland St.	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Sacramento St.	3	4	.429	5	7	.417
Weber St.	1	6	.143	3	8	.273

Big South

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Gardner-Webb	3	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Elon	2	1	.667	4	7	.364
Liberty	1	2	.333	2	9	.182
Charleston Southern	0	3	.000	4	8	.333

Gateway

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Western Ky.	7	1	.875	12	3	.800
Western Ill.	6	2	.750	11	2	.846
Illinois St.	4	3	.571	6	5	.545
Youngstown	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Indiana St.	3	4	.429	5	7	.417
Northern Iowa	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
Southern Ill.	2	5	.286	4	8	.333
SW Missouri	1	6	.143	4	7	.364

Ivy League

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Pennsylvania	7	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Harvard	6	1	.857	7	3	.700
Princeton	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Yale	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Cornell	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Brown	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Dartmouth	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Columbia	0	7	.000	1	9	.100

Metro Atlantic Athletic

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Duquesne	8	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Fairfield	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
Marist	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
St. Peter's	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Iona	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Siena	3	5	.375	3	7	.300
Canisius	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
La Salle	2	6	.250	2	9	.182
St. John's	2	6	.250	2	8	.200

Mid-Eastern Athletic

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Bethune-Cookman	7	1	.875	11	2	.846
Florida A&M	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
Hampton	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
Morgan St.	5	3	.625	7	5	.583
Howard	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
South Carolina St.	4	4	.500	7	5	.583
Delaware St.	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
North Carolina A&T	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
Norfolk St.	2	6	.250	5	6	.455

Northeast

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Albany	6	1	.857	8	4	.667
Sacred Heart	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Stony Brook	5	2	.714	8	2	.800
Wagner	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Cent. Conn. St.	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
Monmouth	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Robert Morris	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
St. Francis (PA)	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

Ohio Valley

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Eastern Illinois	5	1	.833	8	4	.667
Murray St.	5	1	.833	7	5	.583
Eastern Kentucky	4	2	.667	8	4	.667
SE Missouri	4	2	.667	8	4	.667
Tennessee Tech	2	4	.333	5	7	.417
Tennessee St.	1	5	.167	2	10	.167
Tenn-Martin	0	6	.000	2	10	.167

Patriot League

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Fordham	6	1	.857	10	3	.769
Colgate	6	1	.857	9	3	.750
Lafayette	5	2	.714	7	5	.583
Lehigh	4	3	.571	8	4	.667
Towson	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Georgetown	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
Holy Cross	2	5	.286	4	8	.333
Bucknell	0	7	.000	2	9	.182

Pioneer Football League

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
NORTH						
Dayton	4	0	1.000	11	1	.917
San Diego	3	1	.750	5	5	.500
Butler	2	2	.500	4	6	.400
Drake	1	3	.250	5	6	.455
Valparaiso	0	4	.000	1	10	.091
SOUTH						
Morehead St.	3	0	1.000	9	3	.750
Davidson	2	1	.667	7	3	.700
Austin Peay	1	2	.333	7	5	.583
Jacksonville	0	3	.000	3	7	.300

Southern

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Georgia Southern	7	1	.875	11	3	.786
Appalachian St.	6	2	.750	8	4	.667
Furman	6	2	.750	8	4	.667
Wofford	6	2	.750	9	3	.750
Virginia Military	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Western Carolina	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
East Tenn. St.	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
Chattanooga	2	6	.250	2	10	.167
The Citadel	1	7	.125	3	9	.250

Southland Football League

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
McNeese St.	6	0	1.000	13	2	.867
Northwestern St.	4	2	.667	9	4	.682
Nicholls St.	3	3	.500	7	4	.636
Stephen F. Austin	3	3	.500	6	5	.545
Jacksonville St.	2	4	.333	5	6	.455
Sam Houston St.	2	4	.333	4	7	.364
SW Texas St.	1	5	.167	4	7	.364

Southwestern Athletic

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
EAST						
Alabama A&M	6	1	.857	8	4	.667
Jackson St.	5	2	.714	7	4	.636
Alcorn St.	3	4	.429	6	5	.545
Miss. Valley St.	3	4	.429	5	6	.455
Alabama St.	2	5	.286	6	6	.500
WEST						
Grambling	6	1	.857	11	2	.8496
Southern	5	2	.714	6	6	.500
Texas Southern	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Ark.-Pine Bluff	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
Prairie View	0	7	.000	1	10	.091

Independents

	W	L	PCT
St. Mary's (CA)	6	6	.500
Florida Int'l	5	6	.455
Samford	4	7	.364
Cal Poly	3	8	.273
Florida Atlantic	2	9	.182
Savannah St.	1	9	.100
Southern Utah	1	10	.091
Morris Brown	1	11	.083

Division II

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

	CONFERENCE W	L	PCT	OVERALL W	L	PCT
EAST						
Bowie St.	5	2	.714	6	4	.600
Virginia St.	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Virginia Union	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Elizabeth City St.	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
WEST						
Fayetteville St.	7	0	1.000	9	1	.900
Winston-Salem St.	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
N.C. Central	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Livingstone	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Johnson C. Smith	1	7	.125	2	8	.200
Saint Augustine's	0	7	.000	0	8	.000

Great Lakes

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Grand Valley St.	9	0	1.000	14	0	1.000
Findlay	8	2	.800	9	2	.818
Saginaw Valley St.	8	2	.800	9	3	.750
Northwood	7	3	.700	7	4	.636
Northern Michigan	6	4	.600	6	5	.545
Ferris St.	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
Indianapolis	4	6	.400	5	6	.455
Hillsdale	4	6	.400	4	7	.364
Michigan Tech	3	7	.300	3	7	.300
Wayne St.	3	7	.300	3	8	.273
Ashland	2	8	.200	2	9	.182
Mercyhurst	1	9	.100	2	9	.182

Great Northwest Athletic

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Central Washington	3	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Western Washington	2	1	.667	6	4	.600
Western Oregon	1	2	.333	5	5	.500
Humboldt St.	0	3	.000	1	10	.091

Gulf South

	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Valdosta St.	9	0	1.000	14	1	.933
Harding	7	2	.778	9	2	.818
Southern Arkansas	6	3	.667	7	4	.636

Central Arkansas	6	3	.667	8	3	.727
Ouachita Baptist	5	4	.556	5	5	.500
Henderson St.	5	4	.556	5	6	.455
Delta St.	4	5	.444	4	7	.364
West Alabama	3	6	.333	5	6	.455
North Alabama	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Arkansas Tech	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Arkansas-Monticello	2	7	.222	2	8	.364
West Georgia	1	8	.111	3	8	.273

Lone Star

NORTH

Tarleton St.	4	1	.800	9	2	.818
Southeastern Okla.	3	2	.600	7	3	.700
Southwestern Okla.	3	2	.600	7	4	.636
Central Oklahoma	2	3	.400	5	6	.455
Northeastern St.	2	3	.400	4	7	.364
East Central	1	4	.200	3	8	.273

SOUTH

Texas A&M-Kingsville	5	1	.833	10	3	.769
Abilene Christian	5	1	.833	6	4	.600
Eastern New Mexico	4	2	.667	8	3	.727
Midwestern St.	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
Angelo St.	2	4	.333	2	8	.200
Texas A&M-Commerce	1	5	.167	2	8	.200
West Texas A&M	0	6	.000	0	11	.000

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association

NW Missouri St.	9	0	1.000	11	0	1.000
Central Mo. St.	8	1	.875	10	1	.900
Emporia St.	6	3	.666	8	3	.727
Pittsburgh St.	6	3	.666	8	3	.727
Mo. Western	4	5	.444	6	5	.545
Truman St.	4	5	.444	6	5	.545
Mo. Southern St.	3	6	.333	5	6	.454
Washburn	3	6	.333	3	8	.272
Southwest Baptist	2	7	.222	3	8	.272
Mo.-Rolla	0	9	.000	0	11	.000

North Central Intercollegiate Athletic

Northern Colorado	8	0	1.000	12	2	.857
St. Cloud St.	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
Neb.-Omaha	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
South Dakota St.	4	4	.500	6	4	.600
Augustana (S.D.)	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Minn. St.-Mankato	3	5	.375	4	6	.400
North Dakota	3	5	.375	5	6	.454
South Dakota	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
North Dakota St.	1	7	.125	2	8	.200

Northeast-10

C.W. Post	10	0	1.000	11	1	.916
Bentley	9	1	.900	10	1	.909
Southern Conn. St.	7	3	.700	8	3	.727
Merrimack	6	4	.600	6	4	.600
Saint Anselm	5	5	.500	5	5	.500
American Int'l	5	5	.500	5	6	.454
Bryant	5	5	.500	5	6	.454
Pace	3	7	.300	3	7	.300
Mass.-Lowell	3	7	.300	3	8	.272
Stonehill	1	9	.100	2	9	.181
Assumption	1	9	.100	2	9	.181

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic

Minn.-Duluth	9	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Winona St.	8	1	.889	8	4	.667
Concordia-St. Paul	7	2	.778	9	2	.818
Bemidji St.	6	3	.667	6	5	.545
Morehead St. (Minn.)	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
Northern St.	4	5	.444	4	7	.364
Southwest St.	3	6	.333	4	7	.364
Wayne St.	3	6	.333	3	8	.273
Minn.-Crookston	1	8	.111	1	10	.091
Minn.-Morris	0	9	.000	0	11	.000

Pennsylvania State Athletic

EASTERN

Bloomsburg	5	1	.833	8	2	.800
East Stroudsburg	5	1	.833	8	2	.800
West Chester	4	2	.667	5	6	.455
Millersville	3	3	.500	3	7	.300
Kutztown	2	4	.333	4	7	.364
Mansfield	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Cheyney	0	6	.000	0	11	.000

WESTERN

Indiana (Pa.)	6	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Slippery Rock	4	2	.667	7	4	.636
Shippensburg	4	2	.667	6	5	.545
Clarion	3	3	.500	7	4	.636
Edinboro	2	4	.333	5	6	.455
California (Pa.)	1	5	.167	6	5	.545
Lock Haven	1	5	.167	4	7	.364

Rocky Mountain Athletic

Neb.-Kearney	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Chadron St.	7	1	.875	8	2	.800
Mesa St.	5	3	.625	5	6	.455
Colorado Mines	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Adams St.	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Western St.	4	4	.500	5	6	.455
Fort Hays St.	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Fort Lewis	2	6	.25	3	8	.272
N.M. Highlands	0	8	.000	0	10	.000

South Atlantic

Carson-Newman	7	0	1.000	12	1	.923
Catawba	6	1	.857	8	3	.727
Presbyterian	5	2	.714	8	3	.727
Mars Hill	4	3	.571	7	4	.636
Tusculum	3	4	.429	7	4	.636
Wingate	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
Lenoir-Rhyne	1	6	.143	3	7	.300
Newberry	0	7	.000	1	10	.091

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Tuskegee	7	1	.870	9	1	.900
Albany (Ga.) St.	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Fort Valley St.	6	2	.750	7	4	.636
Miles College	5	3	.625	6	5	.545
Morehouse	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Lane College	3	5	.375	4	7	.360
Benedict College	2	6	.250	2	9	.180
Kentucky St.	2	6	.250	3	8	.273
Clark-Atlanta	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic

West Va. Wesleyan	6	1	.857	7	4	.636
Shepherd	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
West Va. Tech	5	2	.714	6	5	.545
West Liberty St.	5	2	.714	6	5	.545
Glenville St.	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Fairmont St.	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Concord	2	5	.286	3	8	.273
West Virginia St.	0	7	.000	1	10	.091

Independents

UC Davis	9	3	.750
Gannon	5	5	.500
New Haven	4	6	.400
Westminster	6	4	.600
Western N.M.	2	7	.222
Quincy	4	7	.363
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	4	7	.363
Kentucky Wesleyan	1	10	.090
North Greenville (S.C.)	4	6	.400
Okla. Panhandle	2	9	.181
Tiffin	2	8	.200

Division III

American Southwest

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Mary Hardin-Baylor	9	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Howard Payne	8	1	.889	9	1	.900
Hardin-Simmons	7	2	.778	8	2	.800
East Texas Baptist	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
Austin	4	5	.444	4	6	.400
Mississippi College	4	5	.444	4	6	.400
Louisiana College	3	6	.333	4	6	.400
Sul Ross State	2	7	.222	2	8	.200
Texas Lutheran	2	7	.222	2	8	.200
McMurry	0	9	.000	0	10	.000

Atlantic Central

Frostburg State	3	0	1.000	6	5	.545
Salisbury	2	1	.667	9	2	.818
Wesley	1	2	.333	5	5	.500
Newport News	0	3	.000	5	5	.500

Centennial

Muhlenberg	5	1	.833	10	2	.833
Johns Hopkins	5	1	.833	9	2	.818
McDaniel	5	1	.833	9	2	.818
Dickinson	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
Franklin & Marshall	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Gettysburg	1	5	.167	4	6	.400
Ursinus	0	6	.000	2	8	.200

College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin

Wheaton (Ill.)	7	0	1.000	10	2	.833
Augustana (Ill.)	6	1	.857	7	2	.778
Millikin	4	3	.571	7	3	.700
North Central	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Illinois Wesleyan	3	4	.429	6	4	.600
Carthage	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Elmhurst	1	6	.143	3	7	.300
North Park	0	7	.000	1	9	.100

Dixie

Christopher Newport	5	1	.833	6	5	.545
Ferrum	5	1	.833	5	5	.500
Shenandoah	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Greensboro	4	2	.667	4	6	.400
Methodist	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Averett	1	5	.167	2	7	.222
Chowan	0	6	.000	0	10	.000

Freedom

Springfield	6	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Kings Point	5	1	.833	8	3	.727
Western Connecticut	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Worcester Polytech	3	3	.500	4	6	.400
Norwich	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Coast Guard	1	5	.167	2	7	.222
Plymouth State	0	6	.000	0	10	.000

Heartland

Hanover	6	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Anderson	5	1	.833	7	3	.700
Mt. St. Joseph	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Manchester	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Franklin	2	4	.333	2	8	.200
Bluffton	1	5	.167	3	7	.300
Defiance	1	5	.167	3	7	.300

Illini Badger

MacMurray	7	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Concordia (Wis.)	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Aurora	5	2	.714	5	4	.556
Lakeland	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Benedictine	3	4	.429	4	6	.400
Eureka	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Greenville	1	6	.143	1	9	.100
Concordia (Ill.)	0	7	.000	0	10	.000

Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic

Coe	8	1	.889	10	2	.833
Wartburg	8	1	.889	10	2	.833
Central	8	1	.889	8	2	.800
Simpson	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
Loras	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
Cornell	3	6	.333	4	6	.400
Luther	3	6	.333	4	6	.400
Buena Vista	3	6	.333	3	7	.300
Upper Iowa	2	7	.222	2	8	.200
Dubuque	0	9	.000	1	9	.100

Michigan Intercollegiate

Alma	6	0	1.000	9	2	.818
Adrian	4	2	.667	7	3	.700
Hope	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Olivet	3	3	.500	5	4	.556
Albion	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
Kalamazoo	1	5	.167	4	6	.400
Wisconsin Lutheran	0	6	.000	3	7	.300

Middle Atlantic States Collegiate

Widener	8	1	.889	9	1	.900
King's	8	1	.889	9	3	.750
Moravian	7	2	.778	7	4	.636
Lycoming	6	3	.667	6	3	.667
Wilkes	5	4	.556	7	4	.636
Susquehanna	5	4	.556	5	5	.500
Juniata	4	5	.444	5	5	.500
Albright	2	6	.250	2	8	.200
FDU-Florham	2	7	.222	2	8	.200
Delaware Valley	1	8	.111	2	8	.200
Lebanon Valley	1	8	.111	1	9	.100

Midwest Collegiate Athletic

St. Norbert	8	1	.889	9	1	.900
Lake Forest	8	1	.889	9	2	.818
Ripon	7	2	.778	7	3	.700
Beloit	5	4	.556	6	4	.600
Knox	5	4	.556	6	4	.600
Monmouth	5	4	.556	5	5	.500
Grinnell	4	5	.444	4	6	.400
Illinois College	2	7	.222	3	7	.300
Carroll	1	8	.111	1	9	.100
Lawrence	0	9	.000	0	10	.000

Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic

St. John's	8	0	1.000	12	2	.857
Concordia-Moorhead	7	1	.875	7	3	.700
Gustavus Adolphus	5	3	.625	6	4	.600
Bethel	5	3	.625	5	5	.500
St. Thomas	5	3	.625	5	5	.500
St. Olaf	3	5	.375	5	5	.500
Hamline	2	6	.250	3	7	.300
Augsburg	1	7	.125	2	8	.200
Carleton	0	8	.000	0	10	.000

New England Football

BOYD

Mass-Dartmouth	5	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Curry	3	2	.600	7	3	.700
Nichols	3	2	.600	5	4	.556
MIT	2	3	.400	4	5	.444
Salve Regina	2	3	.400	2	7	.222
Western New England	0	5	.000	1	8	.111

BOGAN

Westfield St.	6	0	1.000	8	3	.727
Worcester St.	5	1	.833	9	2	.818
Fitchburg St.	4	2	.667	5	4	.556
Bridgewater St.	3	3	.500	4	5	.444
Framingham St.	1	5	.167	1	8	.111
Maine Maritime	1	5	.167	1	8	.111
Massachusetts Maritime	1	5	.167	1	8	.111

New England Small Collegiate

Trinity (Conn.)	7	1	.875	7	1	.875
Williams	7	1	.875	7	1	.875
Amherst	6	2	.750	6	2	.750
Wesleyan	5	3	.625	5	3	.625
Colby	4	4	.500	4	4	.500
Middlebury	4	4	.500	4	4	.500
Bates	3	5	.375	3	5	.375
Tufts	3	5	.375	3	5	.375
Bowdoin	1	7	.125	1	7	.125
Hamilton	0	8	.000	0	8	.000

New Jersey Athletic

Rowan	6	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Cortland State	4	2	.667	9	2	.818
New Jersey	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Montclair State	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Kean	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
New Jersey City	1	5	.167	1	8	.111
William Paterson	0	6	.000	1	9	.100

North Coast Athletic

Wabash	7	0	1.000	12	1	.923
Wittenberg	6	1	.857	10	2	.833
Wooster	5	2	.714	8	2	.800
Allegheny	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Earlham	4	3	.571	4	6	.400
Ohio Wesleyan	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
Oberlin	3	4	.429	3	7	.300
Denison	2	5	.286	2	8	.200
Kenyon	1	6	.143	1	9	.100
Hiram	0	7	.000	0	10	.000

Northwest

Linfield	5	0	1.000	10	1	.909
Whitworth	3	2	.600	7	3	.700
Willamette	3	2	.600	6	4	.600
Pacific Lutheran	3	2	.600	5	4	.556
Lewis & Clark	1	4	.200	3	6	.333
Puget Sound	0	5	.000	1	8	.111

Ohio Athletic

Mount Union	9	0	1.000	14	0	1.000
John Carroll	8	1	.889	12	2	.857
Baldwin-Wallace	7	2	.778	8	2	.800
Capital	6	3	.667	6	4	.600
Ohio Northern	5	4	.556	5	5	.500
Muskingum	3	6	.333	3	7	.300
Marietta	2	7	.222	3	7	.300

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Wilmington	2	7	.222	3	7	.300
Heidelberg	2	7	.222	2	8	.200
Otterbein	1	8	.111	2	8	.200

Old Dominion Athletic

Bridgewater (Va.)	6	0	1.000	11	1	.917
Hampden-Sydney	5	1	.833	8	2	.800
Randolph-Macon	3	3	.500	6	4	.600
Washington & Lee	3	3	.500	5	5	.500
Catholic	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Emory & Henry	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
Guilford	0	6	.000	3	7	.300

Presidents' Athletic

Washington & Jefferson	5	0	1.000	9	3	.750
Westminster (Pa.)	4	1	.800	6	4	.600
Waynesburg	2	3	.400	5	4	.556
Thiel	2	3	.400	3	7	.300
Bethany	1	4	.200	3	7	.300
Grove City	1	4	.200	3	7	.300

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic

Redlands	5	0	1.000	7	3	.700
Claremont-M-S	4	1	.800	7	2	.778
Cal Lutheran	3	2	.600	4	5	.444
Occidental	1	4	.200	5	4	.556
La Verne	1	4	.200	3	5	.375
Whittier	1	4	.200	1	8	.111

Southern Collegiate Athletic

Trinity (Texas)	6	0	1.000	14	1	.933
DePauw	5	1	.833	7	3	.700
Sewanee	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Centre	2	4	.333	6	4	.600
Rose-Hulman	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Rhodes	1	5	.167	4	6	.400
Millsaps	1	5	.167	3	6	.333

University Athletic Association

Washington U.	3	0	1.000	6	4	.600
Case Western	1	2	.333	6	4	.600
Carnegie Mellon	1	2	.333	5	5	.500
Chicago	1	2	.333	4	5	.444

Upstate Collegiate Athletic

Hobart	4	0	1.000	8	2	.800
Union	3	1	.750	5	5	.500
RPI	2	2	.500	8	2	.800
Rochester	1	3	.250	2	8	.200
St. Lawrence	0	4	.000	0	10	.000

Wisconsin State University

Wis.-La Crosse	6	1	.857	7	4	.636
Wis.-Eau Claire	5	2	.714	8	2	.800
Wis.-Stout	4	3	.571	7	3	.700
Wis.-Stevens Point	4	3	.571	6	4	.600
Wis.-Whitewater	4	3	.571	5	5	.500
Wis.-Oshkosh	2	5	.286	4	6	.400
Wis.-River Falls	2	5	.286	3	7	.300
Wis.-Platteville	1	6	.143	2	7	.222

Independents

Westminster (Mo.)	7	2	.778
Brockport State	10	3	.769
Thomas More	7	3	.700
Maranatha Baptist	6	3	.667
Martin Luther	6	3	.667
Principia	5	4	.556
Macalester	5	5	.500
Menlo	5	5	.500
Pomona-Pitzer	4	4	.500
Rockford	4	6	.400
Chapman	3	7	.300
Gallaudet	2	7	.222
Mount Ida	2	7	.222
Colorado College	1	8	.111
Blackburn	1	9	.100
Buffalo State	1	9	.100
Eastern Oregon	1	9	.100
Maryville (Tenn.)	0	10	.000

Bowl Games

Alamo ..... Wisconsin 31, Colorado 28
Capital One Citrus .. Auburn 13, Penn State 9
Continental Tire ..... Virginia 48, West Virginia 22
Cotton ..... Texas 35, LSU 20
Fiesta ..... Ohio State 31, Miami 24
Gator ..... N.C. State 28, Notre Dame 6 B
GMAC ..... B ... Marshall 38, Louisville 15
Hawaii ..... Tulane 36, Hawaii 28
Holiday ..... Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27
Houston ..... Oklahoma St. 33, So. Miss 23
Humanitarian ..... Boise State 34, Iowa State 16
Independence ..... Mississippi 27, Nebraska 23
Insight.com ..... Pittsburgh 38, Oregon State 13
Las Vegas ..... UCLA 27, New Mexico 13
Liberty ..... TCU 17, Colorado State 3
Motor City ..... Boston College 51, Toledo 25 B
Music City ..... Minnesota 29, Arkansas 14
New Orleans ..... North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19
Orange ..... USC 38, Iowa 17
Outback ..... Michigan 38, Florida 30
Peach ..... Maryland 30, Tennessee 3
Rose ..... Oklahoma 34, Washington St. 14
San Francisco ..... Virginia Tech 20, Air Force 18
Seattle ..... B Wake Forest 38, Oregon 17
Silicon Valley ..... Fresno State 30, Georgia Tech 21 B
Sugar ..... Georgia 26, Florida State 13
Sun ..... Purdue 34, Washington 24 B
Tangerine ..... Texas Tech 55, Clemson 15

Division I-AA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

McNeese St. 21 ..... Montana St. 14
Montana 45 ..... Northwestern St. 14
Villanova 45 ..... Furman 38
Fordham 29 ..... Northeastern 24
Georgia Southern 34 ..... Bethune-Cookman 0
Maine 14 ..... Appalachian St. 13
Western Kentucky 59 ..... Murray St. 20
Western Illinois 48 ..... Eastern Illinois 9

QUARTERFINALS

McNeese St. 24 ..... Montana 20
Villanova 24 ..... Fordham 10
Georgia Southern 31 ..... Maine 7
Western Kentucky 31 ..... Western Illinois 28

SEMIFINALS

McNeese St. 39 ..... Villanova 28
Western Kentucky 31 ..... Georgia Southern 28

CHAMPIONSHIP

Western Kentucky 34 ..... McNeese St. 14

Division II Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Valdosta St. 24 ..... Catawba 7
Carson-Newman 40 ..... Fayetteville St. 27
UC Davis 24 ..... Central Washington 6
Tex. A&M-Kingsville 58 ..... Neb.-Kearney 40
Grandy Valley St. 62 ..... C.W. Post 13
Indiana (Pa.) 27 ..... Saginaw Valley 23
NW Missouri St. 45 ..... Minn. Duluth 41
Northern Colo. 49 ..... Central Mo. St. 28

QUARTERFINALS

Valdosta St. 31 ..... Carson-Newman 28
Tex. A&M-Kingsville 27 ..... UC Davis 20 (OT)
Grand Valley St. 62 ..... Indiana (Pa.) 21
Northern Colo. 23 ..... NW Missouri St. 12

SEMIFINALS

Valdosta St. 21 ..... Tex. A&M-Kingsville 12
Grand Valley St. 44 ..... Northern Colorado 7

CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Valley St. 31 ..... Valdosta St. 24

Division III Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Wheaton (Ill.) 42 ..... Alma 14
Wittenberg 34 ..... Hanover 33
Wabash 42 ..... MacMurray 7
Brockport St. 16 ..... Springfield 0
John Carroll 27 ..... Hobart 7
Muhlenberg 56 ..... Mass.-Dartmouth 6
Wartburg 45 ..... Lake Forest 0
Coe 21 ..... Wisc.-La Crosse 18
St. John's (Minn.) 31 ..... Redlands 24
King's (Pa.) 28 ..... Salisbury 0
Wash. & Jeff. 24 ..... Christopher Newport 10
Trinity (Tex.) 48 ..... Mary Hardin-Baylor 38

SECOND ROUND

Mount Union 42 ..... Wheaton (Ill.) 21
Wabash 25 ..... Wittenberg 14
Brockport St. 15 ..... Rowan 12
John Carroll 21 ..... Muhlenberg 10
Linfield 52 ..... Wartburg 15
St. John's (Minn.) 45 ..... Coe 14
Bridgewater (Va.) 19 ..... King's (Pa.) 17
Trinity (Tex.) 45 ..... Wash. & Jeff. 10

QUARTERFINALS

Mount Union 45 ..... Wabash 16
John Carroll 16 ..... Brockport St. 10 (OT)
St. John's (Minn.) 21 ..... Linfield 14
Trinity (Tex.) 38 ..... Bridgewater 32

SEMIFINALS

Mount Union 57 ..... John Carroll 19
Trinity (Tex.) 41 ..... St. John's (Minn.) 34

CHAMPIONSHIP

Mount Union 48 ..... Trinity (Tex.) 7

NAIA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Southern Oregon 30 ..... Montana-Western 12
Carroll (Mont.) 42 ..... Dickinson St. 23
McKendree (Ill.) 21 ..... Mid-American Naz. (Kan.) 13
St. Francis (Ind.) 34 ..... St. Xavier (Ill.) 30
Georgetown (Ky.) 35 ..... St. Ambrose (Iowa) 14
NW Oklahoma St. 22 ..... Benedictine (Kan.) 7
Mary (N.D.) 21 ..... Minot St. (N.D.) 18
Sioux Falls (S.D.) 45 ..... Kansas Wesleyan 7

QUARTERFINALS

Carroll (Mont.) 35 ..... Southern Oregon 31
McKendree (Ill.) 32 ..... NW Oklahoma St. 27
Sioux Falls (S.D.) 13 ..... Mary (N.D.) 10
Georgetown (Ky.) 24 ..... St. Francis (Ind.) 0

SEMIFINALS

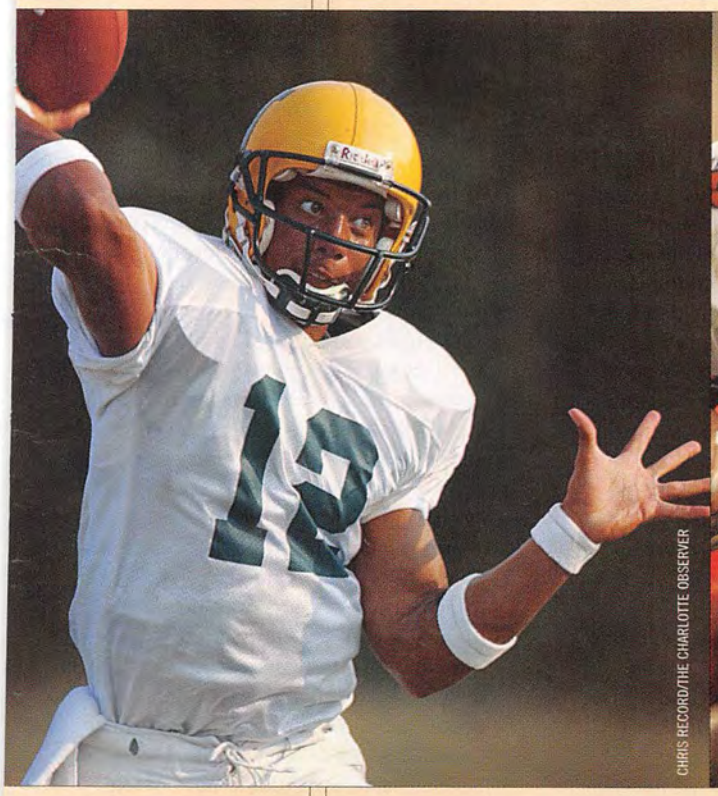
Georgetown (Ky.) 35 ..... McKendree (Ill.) 19
Carroll (Mont.) 20 ..... Sioux Falls (S.D.) 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Carroll (Mont.) 28 ..... Georgetown (Ky.) 7

I-A Coaching Changes for 2003

SCHOOL	FORMER COACH	NEW COACH
Alabama	Dennis Franchione/Mike Price	Mike Shula
Ball State	Bill Lynch	Brady Hoke
Baylor	Kevin Steele	Guy Morriss
Bowling Green	Urban Meyer	Gregg Brandon
East Carolina	Steve Logan	John Thompson
Houston	Dana Dimel	Art Biles
Kentucky	Guy Morriss	Rich Brooks
Louisiana-Monroe	Bobby Keasler	Mike Collins
Louisville	John L. Smith	Bob Petrino
Michigan State	Bobby Williams	John L. Smith
Oregon State	Dennis Erickson	Mike Riley
Texas A&M	R.C. Slocum	Dennis Franchione
Tulsa	Keith Burns	Steve Kragthorpe
UCLA	Bob Toledo	Karl Dorrell
Utah	Ron McBride	Urban Meyer
Washington State	Mike Price	Bill Doba
Wyoming	Vic Koenning	Joe Glenn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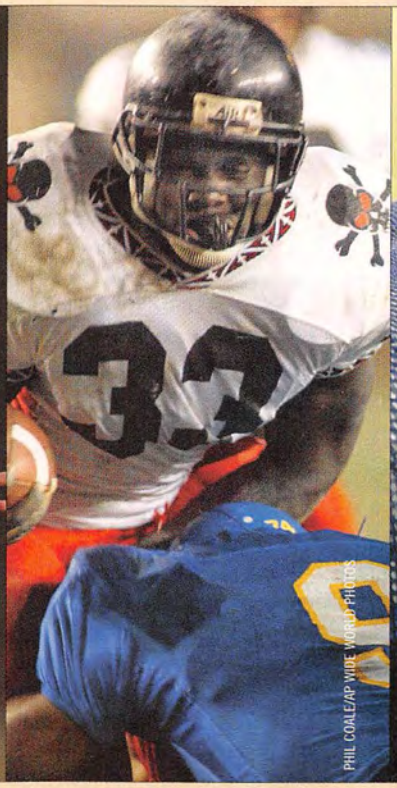
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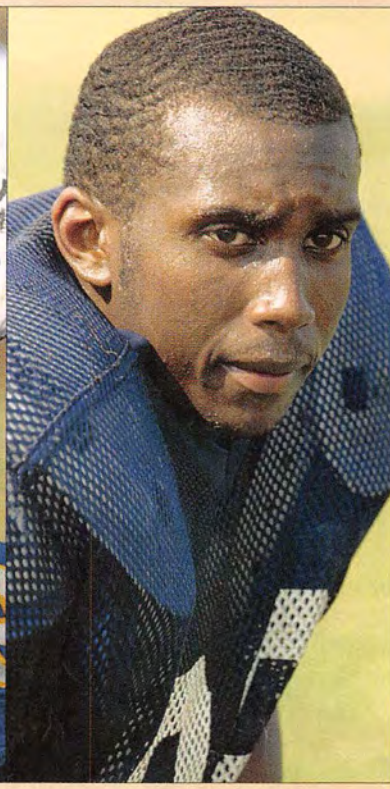

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***Chris Leak**, QB, Florida; **Joe Cohen**, DE/FB, Florida; **Tony Hills**, TE, Texas*

COLLEGE FOOTBALL **RECRUITING 2003**

STAY WEST, *young man*

By DOUG HUFF

***Demetris Summers**, RB, South Carolina*

Southern Cal's success in keeping the top players in California at home helped the Trojans climb to the top of the recruiting ladder this year.

At the end of last season—Fiesta Bowl and BCS notwithstanding—some college football observers believed Rose Bowl champion Southern California fielded the best team in the land.

After the "recruiting season," the Trojans again have been tagged No. 1 in the land.

USC, which finished atop the postseason Sagarin power rankings ahead of the major polls' top two teams—Ohio State and Miami—landed 26 recruits to nose out Louisiana State and Florida for the top spot among recruiting classes after the Feb. 5 national signing day.

The remainder of the Top 10 are, in order, Oklahoma, Miami, Notre Dame, Georgia, Texas A&M, North Carolina State and Michigan. Last year's No. 1 team in the recruiting race, Texas, placed 11th.

USC, which won its final eight games of the season and played arguably the nation's toughest schedule, anchored its recruiting class by keeping home the majority of the top-rated players in talent-laden California.

The most touted in-state players to sign with USC were wide receivers Whitney Lewis of St. Bonaventure High in Ventura and Steve Smith of Taft High in Woodland Hills; running backs Reggie Bush of Helix High in La Mesa and Chauncey Washington of South High in Torrance; defensive linemen Lawrence Jackson of Inglewood and Sedrick Ellis of Chino; and offensive linemen Drew Radovich of Mission Viejo and Sam Baker of Tustin. All earned some prep All-America recognition, with Lewis and Bush rated No. 1 nationally by some experts. Lewis also was chosen state Player of the Year by *Cal-Hi Sports* magazine.

Twenty-four of the USC recruits played in-state, with the long-distance exceptions being Colorado running back Lendale White of Chatfield High in Denver and defensive lineman Ryan Watson of John Curtis Christian in River Ridge, La.

With annual scholarship limits at 25 grants-in-aid, one of the listed USC recruits counts on last year's list. All-American defensive back Darnell Bing of Poly High in Long Beach originally signed in 2002, but was not immediately eligible to play.

If USC is rated No. 1, another three-letter school, LSU, probably deserves a 1-A tag, because the Tigers corralled a highly rated group of in-state players, plus others from some talent-rich neighboring Southern states. LSU listed 27 recruits from six states, including 15 in-state products, and 12 others from five more Southern states plus Maryland.

The marquee out-of-state blue-chipper lured to Baton Rouge was quarterback JaMarcus Russell of Williamson High in Mobile, Ala. Russell is rated as one of the nation's top three QB prospects along with two players headed to Florida campuses—Kyle Wright (Monte Vista HS, Danville, Cal.) to Miami and Chris Leak (Independence HS, Charlotte, N.C.) to Florida.

LSU's top in-state recruits included running back Alley Broussard of Acadiana High in Lafayette, wide receiver Craig Davis of Perry Walker High in New Orleans and center Jerry Sevin and defensive lineman Carnell Stewart of John Curtis in River Ridge. Besides Russell, the touted out-of-state signees included Florida wide receivers Dwayne Bowe of Norland High in Miami and Amp Hill of First Coast High in Jacksonville, plus running back Barrington Edwards of Bowie, Md.

"I think almost at every position, we recruited a player that can upgrade that position in some point in time in the future," LSU coach Nick Saban says.

Florida, meanwhile, picked up 20 future Gators, including 15 in-state prospects.

Leak, who was a consensus national high school Player-of-the-Year selection after leading his team to 46 consecutive wins and three state titles, heads a Gator list that includes two All-American wide receivers—Andre Caldwell of Jefferson High in Tampa and Chad Jackson of Hoover, Ala.

Other blue-chip in-state players in coach Ron Zook's future plans include the pair of defensive end/fullback Joe Cohen and defensive back/athlete Reggie Nelson of Palm Bay High in Melbourne; defensive back Dee Webb of Edward White High in Jacksonville; and linebacker Earl Everett of South Sumter in Bushnell.

Besides Leak, the most touted out-of-state recruit landed by Florida was defensive end Jarvis Moss of Ryan High in Denton, Texas.

But the nation's top prospect may have signed with the Gators' top rival. Linebacker Ernie Sims of North Florida Christian in Tallahassee stayed home and signed with Florida State, where his mother and father were varsity athletes.

STREET & SMITH'S TOP 100 FRESHMEN

Andre Caldwell, *WR, Florida*

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QUARTERBACKS

1. **Kyle Wright**, Miami
2. **JaMarcus Russell**, LSU
3. **Chris Leak**, Florida
4. **Robert Lane**, Mississippi
5. **Tommy Grady**, Oklahoma
6. **T.C. Ostrander,** Stanford
7. **Brady Quinn**, Notre Dame
8. **Dennis Dixon**, Oregon
9. **Michael Bush**, Louisville
10. **Clayton Richard**, Michigan

RUNNING BACKS

1. **Demetris Summers**, S. Carolina
2. **Reggie Bush**, USC
3. **Kregg Lumpkin**, Georgia
4. **Alley Broussard**, LSU
5. **Tyrone Moss**, Miami
6. **Maurice Drew**, UCLA
7. **Barrington Edwards**, LSU
8. **Darrell Blackman**, N.C. State
9. **Chauncey Washington**, USC
10. **Austin Scott**, Penn State

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. **Whitney Lewis**, USC
2. **Andre Caldwell**, Florida
3. **Amp Hill**, LSU
4. **Chad Jackson**, Florida
5. **Steve Smith**, USC
6. **Sean Bailey**, Georgia
7. **Robert Meachem**, Tennessee
8. **Adarius Bowman**, North Carolina
9. **Michael Mason**, North Carolina
10. **Dwayne Bowe**, LSU
11. **Jayson Swain**, Tennessee
12. **Mark Bradford**, Stanford
13. **Dorian Bryant**, Boston College
14. **Craig Davis**, LSU

TIGHT ENDS

1. **Tony Hills**, Texas
2. **Greg Olsen**, Notre Dame
3. **Louis Irizarry**, Ohio State
4. **Chris Barrett**, USC
5. **Will Paul**, Michigan

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

1. **Ofa Mohetau**, BYU
2. **Eric Young**, Tennessee
3. **Jorrie Adams**, Texas A&M
4. **Drew Radovich**, USC
5. **Jordy Lipsey**, Virginia
6. **Andrew Bain**, Miami
7. **Ryan Harris**, Notre Dame
8. **Brian Daniels**, Colorado
9. **Martin O'Donnell**, Illinois
10. **Sam Baker,** USC
11. **Jerry Sevin**, LSU
12. **Ian Yates-Cunningham**, Virginia
13. **Joel Holler**, Penn State

DEFENSIVE ENDS

1. **Victor Abiamiri,** Notre Dame
2. **Jarvis Moss**, Florida
3. **Lawrence Jackson**, USC
4. **Joe Cohen**, Florida
5. **Mario Williams**, NC State
6. **Jason Jack**, Texas A&M
7. **Sean Merrill**, LSU
8. **Alonzo Dotson**, Oklahoma
9. **Junior Lemau'u**, UCLA
10. **Stanley McClover**, Auburn
11. **Justin Warren**, Texas A&M
12. **Turk McBride**, Tennessee
13. **Shawn Crable**, Michigan
14. **Justin Ostrowski**, Wisconsin

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

1. **Bate Robinson**, Miami
2. **Sedric Ellis**, USC
3. **David Patterson**, Ohio State
4. **Kyle Caldwell**, Arizona State
5. **Carnell Stewart**, LSU
6. **Xavier Lawson-Kennedy**, Okla. St.
7. **Brian Soi**, BYU
8. **Clifton Dickson**, Miami
9. **Kevin Brown**, UCLA

LINEBACKERS

1. **Ernie Sims**, Florida State
2. **Lamarr Woodley**, Michigan
3. **Wesley Jefferson**, Maryland
4. **Prescott Burgess**, Michigan
5. **Earl Everett**, Florida
6. **Robert Killebrew**, Texas
7. **Daniel Brooks**, Tennessee
8. **Tavares Gooden**, Miami

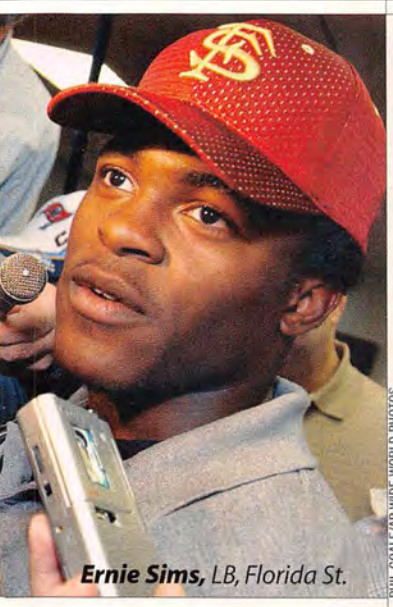
CORNERBACKS

1. **Donte Whitner**, Ohio State
2. **Antonio Cromartie**, Florida State
3. **Tarell Brown**, Texas
4. **Paul Oliver**, Georgia
5. **Dee Webb**, Florida
6. **Phillip Brown**, Virginia
7. **Michael Griffin**, Texas
8. **Dareus Hiley**, Ohio State
9. **Leon Hall**, Michigan
10. **Ryan Gilliam**, Oregon

SAFETIES

1. **Ryan Mundy**, Michigan
2. **Reggie Nelson**, Florida
3. **Tony Cade**, Oklahoma
4. **Brandon Owens**, Minnesota
5. **Quinton Culberson**, Miss. State
6. **Willie Cooper**, Miami
7. **Freddie Parish**, Notre Dame

Top 100 freshmen separated and ranked by position, with their college destinations indicated.



Ernie Sims, *LB, Florida St.*

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STREET & SMITH'S TOP 50 CLASSES

Here are our Top 50 recruiting classes with the top signee listed first plus a "sleeper" to watch.

TEAM	TOP SIGNEE, POS.	SLEEPER, POS.
1. USC	Whitney Lewis, WR	Desmond Reed, DB
2. LSU	JaMarcus Russell, QB	Shawn Jordan, FB
3. Florida	Chris Leak, QB	Tranell Morant, DE
4. Oklahoma	Tony Cade, DB	Tristen Ross, WR
5. Miami	Kyle Wright, QB	Leo Waiters, LB
6. Notre Dame	Victor Abiamiri, DE	Joe Brockington, LB
7. Georgia	Sean Bailey, WR	Fernandon Velasco, OL
8. Texas A&M	Jorrie Adams, OL	Chris Yoder, OL
9. N.C. State	Derek Morris, OL *(originally signed by Ohio State last year)*	Chad Green, TE
10. Michigan	Ryan Mundy, DB	Bradent Englemon, DB
11. Texas	Tarell Brown, DB	Steve Richardson, WR
12. Tennessee	Robert Meachem, WR	Jarrod Parrish, DB
13. California	Brandon Mebane, DL	Sam DeSa, WR
14. Auburn	Stanley McClover, DE	Eric Brock, DB
15. S. Carolina	Demetris Summers, RB	D'von Hill, WR
16. N. Carolina	Adarius Bowman, WR	Scott Lenahan, OL
17. Florida State	Ernie Sims, LB	DeCody Fagg, WR
18. Miss. State	Quinton Culberson, DB	Eric Butler, TE
19. Arizona St.	Chijoke Onyenegecha, DB	Daniel Varvel, DB
20. Virginia	Jordy Lipsey, C	Deyan Williams, WR
21. Washington	Craig Chambers, WR	Clarence Simpson, DB
22. Ohio State	Donte Whitner, DB	Ashton Youbouty, DB
23. Stanford	T.C. Ostrander, QB	Tim Sims, WR
24. Colorado	Brian Daniels, OL	Bernard Jackson, QB
25. Okla. St.	Xavier Lawson-Kennedy, OL	Calvin Roberts, ATH
26. Illinois	Martin O'Donnell, OL	DaJuan Warren, QB
27. Boston Coll.	Dorian Bryant, WR	Matt Ryan, QB
28. Va. Tech	Vince Hall, LB	Carlton Powell, DT
29. UCLA	Maurice Drew, RB	Alex Ghebresselassie, WR
30. Maryland	Wes Jefferson, LB	Lance Ball, RB
31. Oregon	Ryan Gilliam, DB	Victor Filipe, DL
32. Purdue	Doug Van Dyke, DE	Bernard Pollard, DB
33. Arkansas	Chris Baker, WR	Terrance Hampton, WR
34. Nebraska	Ryan Schuler, OL	Corey McKeon, LB
35. Mississippi	Robert Lane, QB	Danny Bell, DB
36. Arizona	Richard Kovalcheck, LB	Dane Krogstad, LB
37. Iowa	Mike Jones, OL	Eric McCollum, QB-ATH
38. Missouri	Darnell Terrell, DB	Jason Ray, WR
39. Alabama	Tim Castille, RB	Earnest Nance, LB
40. Wisconsin	Justin Ostrowski, DL	Roderick Rogers, DB
41. Louisville	Mike Bush, QB-ATH	Antwuan Giddens, WR
42. San Diego St.	Lyndell Hamilton, RB	Kevin O'Connell, QB
43. Ga. Tech	Kenny Scott, DB	Joe Gaston, DB
44. Texas Tech	Jamaal Jackson, DB	Paul Williams, LB
45. Clemson	Maurice Nelson, DB	Nick Watkins, LB
46. Oregon St.	Ryan Gunderson, QB	Anthony Wheat, ATH
47. Minnesota	Brandon Owens, DB	Ernie Wheelwright, WR
48. Pittsburgh	Chris McKillop, LB	Terrell Allen, WR
49. W. Virginia	Kay-Jay Harris, RB	Vaughn Rivers, DB
50. Kansas	John McCoy, LB	Adam Barmann, QB

2003 Junior College Report

Andre Hall, RB, Georgia Miltary Academy

Joliet looks to keep win streak going, but Dixie State's the pick

By Tony Jimenez, Topeka Capital-Journal

It's difficult being a consistent winner in the two-year school ranks because of the annual turnover in player personnel, but fourth-year Joliet (Ill.) Junior College coach Bob McDougall is making it look easy and turning himself into a icon on the national juco circuit in the process.

Joliet has won 21 games in a row—from Sept. 8, 2001, through Dec. 7, 2002, when it beat Georgia Military 24-14 in the Sea Island Bowl. Its last loss was Sept. 1, 2001, to Grand Rapids (Mich.) Community College, 30-24, in overtime. All of this came after McDougall led his teams at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill., just 30 miles from Joliet, to 36 successive wins (1993-96), a record among the nation's 144 football-playing jucos. Seventy-two of those schools in the National Junior College Athletic Association, while the other half reside in California as part of the California Community Colleges Football Association.

"You do those kinds of things with great assistant coaches, good players, good health and some luck," says McDougall, whose staff has been the same at Joliet and DuPage.

"Winning streaks like that are few and far between in JC football because of the turnover," says Hank Ives of JC Gridwire, a national juco football scouting service based in Santa Ana, Calif. "Many times a coach won't know who he has until September."

1. Dixie State (Utah), 10-2 in '02

Coach Greg Croshaw has posted a 185-50 in 21 seasons at this St. George, Utah, school, so it's difficult to picture him squeezing much more out of his team. But he should do just that in 2003. He has never had, he says, such a large quantity of quality players on hand. With 14 starters back, seven each on offense and defense, experience abounds. Among his best are 6-7, 275-pound offensive lineman Joel Butler and All-American linebacker Tyler DeBry. Croshaw also expects big things out of redshirt linebacker Singa Iola and 6-5, 270-pound defensive end Nik Sonntag.

2. Joliet (Ill.) JC, 11-1

Ever since MacDougall arrived in town after a 24-year run at nearby DuPage, everything he's touched has turned to gold. Witness a combined 21-2 record and back-to-back NJCAA championships in 2001 and 2002. Expect more of the same smashmouth game on a team that is equal in experience and youth and once again big on talent. A defense that yielded an average 38 yards rushing per game last season will be highlighted by tackle A.J. Lindsey (6-3, 310 pounds), an 11-game starter as a frosh, and cornerback Josh Taylor, a transfer from Central Michigan.

3. Pasadena (Calif.) CC, 8-3

A rocket, a mountain, a stick of dynamite and a bruiser.

Translated, they're running back Jerome Harrison,offensive guard Matt Kier, quarterback Darnell Lovett and fullback Danny Nichols. They're four big reasons the home of the Rose Bowl is expected to have a big-time team this juco season.

Harrison, the rocket, rushed for about 171.8 yards a game last season, or 8.5 yards per carry; Kier, a one-time starter at Massachusetts, will use his 6-4, 320-pound frame to help clear Harrison's path; Lovett is an explosive sophomore quarterback; and Nichols, a College of Marin (Calif.) transfer, is said to be in the mold of Tampa Bay Buccaneer running back Mike Alstott.

4. City College of San Francisco, 9-2

Ever so often, CCSF coach George Rush, who is beginning his 27th season by the bay, gets this mojo-like feeling.

"They (the players)," he says, "just get it."

Rush says he gets that rush from this team and, with almost its entire starting lineup returning, it's understandable. The Rams boast a healthy dose of sophomore leadership and a solid work ethic. Running back Tim Brown, a 1,200-yard rusher as a freshman, and offensive tackle Albert Toeaina (6-6, 340) are potential All-Americans. Other prime-timers include quarterback Jason Swanson, who'll throw it 40 to 50 times a game this season, and free safety Bret Jones.

5. Grossmont CC (Calif.), 9-2

Replacing 14 starters won't be easy, but with their best offensive line ever, a pair of serious wideouts in Todd Watkins and Joseph Griffin, plus future NCAA Division I defensive backs Maurice London and Chanti Bloomer, the Griffins are being compared to coach Dave Jordan's 1996 team that featured current Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Akili Smith. Watkins averaged 30.6 yards per catch as a freshman, but may end up being more highly recruited for his placekicking ability.

Blue-chip defensive lineman Daniel Widders (6-5, 260) is another highly recruited player, while redshirt freshman QB Jarrod Jackson is expected to keep defenses on their toes with his athletic ability.

6. Fresno City, 9-2

A lot of coaches would have loved Fresno City's 2002 record, but for the Rams it was "disappointing" in coach Tony Caviglia's eyes. His last four teams have a combined 38-2 regular-season mark. The Rams will once again utilize a West Coast offense, led by athletic and versatile quarterback Wayne Desmond. Keying the offensive attack will be running backs Nate Wright, a freshman, and Rudy Jones, a sophomore transfer from Sierra

College juco in Rocklin, Calif. On defense, watch for defensive lineman Tafa Samuela (6-3, 255), linebacker Roosevelt Cooks and cornerback Steve Simonton.

7. Northwest Mississippi CC, 5-4

A year ago, Northwest lost four games by a combined 11 points. It was the first time in 24 years coach Bobby Franklin came so close to a losing season in Senatobia, located 30 miles south of Memphis. Franklin's folks will be far from that this time around, with nine defensive and six offensive starters back.

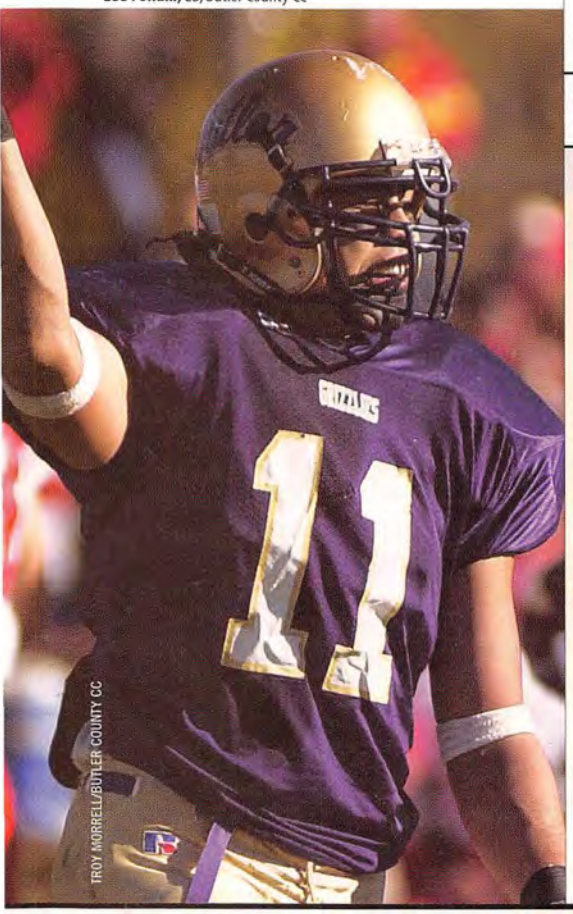
Wide receiver John Harris is so good "he'll play on Sundays," according to Franklin, but freshman QB Rayburn Morris is also set for a big season. The defense is led by Chris Herring, a hard-nosed transfer from Ole Miss with good speed.

8. Blinn (Texas), 4-5

The Bucs gave up 353 yards per game a year ago—but that was then and this is now. With 18 starters back, a better show is in store.

The offense, which averaged 416 yards in 2002, will be led by quarterback Dane King,

Lee Foliaki, LB, Butler County CC



TROY MORRELL/BUTLER COUNTY CC

SUPER SOPHOMORES

OFFENSE

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO
Robert Johnson	QB	6-2	190	Reedley
Tim Brown	RB	5-8	185	CC of San Francisco
Andre Hall	RB	5-10	210	Georgia Military
Jerome Harrison	RB	5-11	198	Pasadena City
Duce Lutui	OL	6-7	350	Snow (Utah)
Chris Pino	OL	6-6	305	Palomar JC
Shawn Huntsinger	C	6-4	285	College of the Canyons
Paul Soliai	OL	6-4	320	Coffeyville CC
Albert Toeaina	OL	6-6	340	CC of San Francisco
Bruce Gordon	WR	6-0	190	Dodge City (Kan.) CC
John Harris	WR	6-0	180	NW Mississippi CC

DEFENSE

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO
Brett Birchofberger	DL	6-3	230	Butte CC
DeWayne Hollyfield	DL	6-4	270	Los Angeles Harbor
A. J. Lindsey	DL	6-3	310	Joliet JC
Jesse Mahelona	DL	6-2	295	Orange Coast (Calif.)
Byron Smith	DL	6-4	305	Kilgore (Texas)
Tyler DeBry	LB	5-11	220	Dixie State
Lee Foliaki	LB	6-3	230	Butler County CC
Ryan Powdrell	LB	6-1	250	Saddleback CC
Martae Johnson	CB	6-0	180	College of the Canyons
Mario Stevenson	CB	6-1	190	NE Mississippi CC
Eddie Scipio	S	6-0	175	Allan Hancock (Calif.)

SPECIALISTS

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO
Lance Lane	P	5-9	165	Blinn
Todd Watkins	PK	6-3	180	Grossmont CC
Marcus White	RS	5-9	185	Santa Rosa (Calif.) JC

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
Andre Hall, RB, Georgia Military

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OFFENSE

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO	COLLEGE
Kyle Bauer	QB	6-0	185	College of the Canyons	Weber State
Earl Charles	RB	6-0	193	Fresno City	Marshall
Brandon Jacobs	RB	6-4	245	Coffeyville CC	Auburn
Alvin Marshall	RB	5-10	185	Compton (Calif.) CC	UNLV
Phil Goodman	WR	6-3	215	Sacramento City	Temple
Garrett Cross	TE	6-5	220	Butte CC	California
Anthony Guerrero	OL	6-3	305	Cerritos (Calif.)	Florida
Isaac Harris	OL	6-3	265	Northwest Mississippi CC	Mars Hill (N.C.)
Jess Hacker	C	6-4	270	Dixie State	Southern Utah
Iosefa Robins	OL	6-4	303	Snow	Southern Utah
Tavares Washington	OL	6-3	295	Mississippi Delta CC	Florida

DEFENSE

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO	COLLEGE
Donyell Booker	L	6-2	300	Reedley	Fresno State
Mike Montgomery	L	6-6	275	Navarro (Texas)	Texas A&M
Mike Pruitt	L	6-2	275	NE Oklahoma A&M	North Texas
Darrell Shropshire	L	6-2	280	Coffeyville CC	South Carolina
Justin Burks	LB	6-2	235	Cerritos	Arizona State
James Griffin	LB	6-2	195	Pasadena CC	Virginia Tech
Marcus Lawrence	LB	6-3	245	Butler County CC	South Carolina
Kinte Haynes	DB	6-2	190	Riverside (Calif.) CC	Idaho State
Chijioke Onyenegecha	DB	6-3	195	CC of San Francisco	Oklahoma
Will Poole	DB	6-0	190	Ventura (Calif.)	Southern California
Brian Staley	DB	5-10	195	Georgia Military	Clemson

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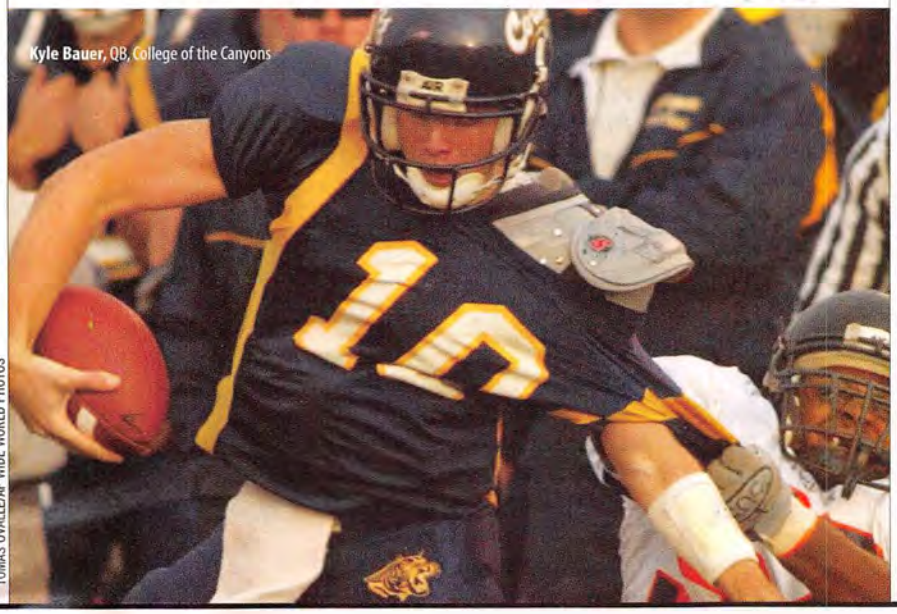
SPECIALISTS

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO	COLLEGE
Tim Wright	P	6-3	215	SW Mississippi CC	Hawaii
Clinton Aryel-Ryan	PK	5-10	180	San Bernardino Valley (Calif.)	San Diego State
Drew Coleman	Ret.	5-10	175	Trinity Valley CC	Texas Christian

OTHERS

NAME	POS	HT	WT	JUCO	COLLEGE
Robert Anderson	RB	5-11	192	North Iowa Area CC	Elizabeth City State
Ralph Bracamonte	OL	6-3	290	Los Angeles Harbor	Ohio
Dan Christian	OL	6-6	336	CC of San Francisco	Texas Tech
Joe Critchfield	OL	6-4	305	Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC	UNLV
Chauncey Davis	DL	6-3	265	Jones County CC	Florida State
John Drake	OL	6-4	320	Long Beach City (Calif.)	Southern California
Michael Erokwu	OL	6-6	320	Tyler (Texas) JC	Midwestern State
Kevin Everett	TE	6-6	240	Kilgore	Miami
Lionel Green	DB	6-1	185	Reedley	North Carolina
John Guydon	DL	6-3	295	Fullerton (Calif.) CC	Colorado
Kelvin Hayden	WR	5-11	190	Joliet JC	Illinois
Jesse Hecker	C	6-4	275	Dixie State	Southern Utah
Gerard Jackson	RB	5-10	225	Dodge City CC	Illinois
Jamaal Jackson	DB	6-0	175	NW Mississippi CC	Texas Tech
Willie Johnson	WR	6-3	190	Fresno City	Nevada
David Kenner	TE	6-4	253	Lackawanna (Pa.)	Florida
Jonathan Lyon	TE	6-6	250	Saddleback CC	Washington
Rhys Lloyd	PK	6-1	210	Rochester CC	Minnesota
Joe Maningo	LB	6-1	230	Foothill (Calif.)	California
Mike Mapu	DL	6-5	250	Mesa (Ariz.) CC	Washington
John McCoy	LB	6-2	240	Victor Valley CC (Calif.)	Kansas
Chris McKenzie	DB	6-0	165	Glendale CC	Arizona State
Dominic Milano	P	6-0	175	Mt. San Antonio (Calif.)	Buffalo
Matt Myers	OL	6-8	370	Northland CC (Minn.)	SW Missouri State
Donte Nicholson	DB	6-2	210	Mt. San Antonio	Oklahoma
Tavares Oakley	LB	6-2	215	East Central (Miss.) CC	NW Oklahoma St.
Paul Peterson	QB	6-0	190	Snow	Boston College
David Sharp	DL	6-3	290	Highland (Kan.) CC	Arizona
Eddie Sullivan	WR	6-1	190	Palomar JC	Montana State
Willie Tagoai	DB	6-3	205	Palomar JC	UNLV
Gabe Toomey	LB	6-4	230	Iowa Central CC	Kansas
Walter Washington	QB	6-2	242	Dodge City CC	Temple
Nino Williams	DB	6-2	190	Tyler JC	Missouri
Rodney Woods	CB	6-0	175	Fresno City	Oregon
Malcolm Woolridge	DL	6-3	310	William R. Harper (Ill.)	Kansas State



Kyle Bauer, QB, College of the Canyons

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fifth among NJCAA schools in average total yards per game (227) as a freshman; wideout J.C. Hunter, who caught 46 passes for 593 yards; and tackle Andy Linder, a nine-game starter. Other standouts include punter Lance Lane, who averaged 43.3 yards per kick last year, plus defensive ends Marvin Shepherd and Lester Johnson, linebacker Jeremy Brantley, free safety Zach Veasey and cornerback Jenson Owens.

9. Butler County (Kan.) CC, 10-2

Linebacker Lee Foliaki talks a lot, but that's OK if you're a juco All-American at Butler County, where coach Troy Morrell has 10-2 records in each of his three seasons in El Dorado.

Foliaki, who at 6-3, 230 pounds doesn't look all that intimidating physically, is a terror when he kicks his game into high gear. He headlines a list of eight offensive and defensive starters returning. Also keep an eye on Greg Wilkerson, Foliaki's fellow linebacker, and Joseph Harris, a physical 5-10, 220-pound running back who had a 1,000-yard rushing year as a freshman in the highly regarded Jayhawk Community College Conference.

10. Georgia Military, 10-1

Alabama wants him. So does Florida. But before All-American running back Andre Hall moves on, he hopes to repeat a sensational freshman season, when he was the No. 1 rusher in the NJCAA ranks with 1,604 yards. Hall and his mates, including eight returning starters, should be the most disciplined team in the nation, given the military setting at the Milledgeville, Ga., school. Other Bulldogs worth noting are offensive tackle Merci Falaise (6-5, 330), cornerback Demetrius Hodges (a converted flanker), defensive lineman Wayne Wilder and linebacker Tim Autry.

Best of the rest

11. Coffeyville (Kan.) CC, 9-3
12. Reedley (Calif.), 12-0
13. Garden City (Kans.) CC, 7-4
14. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, 11-1
15. Palomar JC (Calif.), 10-1
16. Rochester (Minn.) CC, 11-1
17. Jones County (Miss.) JC, 8-3
18. College of the Canyons (Calif.), 10-2
19. Grand Rapids (Mich.) CC, 8-2
20. Saddleback CC (Calif.), 9-2
21. Trinity Valley CC (Texas), 10-2
22. Chaffey (Calif.), 10-1
23. Butte (Calif.) CC, 10-1
24. Glendale (Ariz.) CC, 9-2
25. Erie (N.Y.) CC, 7-3

BOWL SCHEDULE

2003-2004

BOWL	DATE/TIME	TV	MATCHUP
New Orleans Bowl	Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Memphis	ESPN2 N. TEXAS	C-USA #4-5 vs. Sun Belt champion
GMAC Bowl	Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Miami O	ESPN2 Louisville	C-USA #2 vs. MAC #2
Tangerine Bowl	Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. Kansas	ESPN N.C. State	Big 12 #5-7 vs. ACC #4-5
Fort Worth Bowl	Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m. TCU	ESPN Boise St.	Big 12 vs. C-USA
Las Vegas Bowl	Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. N. Mex	ESPN ORE. ST	Mountain West #2 vs. Pac-10 #5
Hawaii Bowl	Dec. 25, 8 p.m. Hawaii	ESPN HOUSTON	C-USA #4-5 vs. WAC
Motor City Bowl	Dec. 26, 5 p.m. BGSU	ESPN	MAC #1 vs. Big 10 #7
Insight.com Bowl	Dec. 26, 8:30 p.m. V. Tech	ESPN CAL	Big East #3-5 vs. Pac-10 #4*
Continental Tire Bowl	Dec. 27, TBD PITT	ESPN VIRGINIA	Big East #3-5 vs. ACC #5-6
Humanitarian Bowl	Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Tulsa	ESPN Geo. Tech	WAC vs. Big 12 #8
Alamo Bowl	Dec. 29, 9 p.m. Mich St.	ESPN Nebraska	Big Ten #4 vs. Big 12 #4
Houston Bowl	Dec. 30, 4:30 p.m. NAVY	ESPN TEXAS TECH	Big 12 #5-7 vs. C-USA #3
Holiday Bowl	Dec. 30, 8 p.m. WASH ST	ESPN TEXAS	Pac-10 #2 vs. Big 12 #3
Silicon Valley Classic	Dec. 30, 10:30 p.m. UCLA	ESPN2 Fresno St	WAC vs. Pac-10 #6
Music City Bowl	Dec. 31, Noon WISCONSIN	ESPN AUBURN	Big Ten #6 vs. SEC #6
Sun Bowl	Dec. 31, 2 p.m. OREGON	CBS MINNESOTA	Big Ten #5 vs. Pac-10 #3
Liberty Bowl	Dec. 31, 3:30 p.m. UTAH	ESPN So. Miss	C-USA #1 vs. Mountain West #1
Independence Bowl	Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. MISSOURI	ESPN ARKANSAS	Big 12 #5-7 vs. SEC #7
San Francisco Bowl	Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m. B.C.	ESPN2 Colo St	Pac-10 vs. Big East #3-5
Outback Bowl	Jan. 1, 11 a.m. IOWA	ESPN FLA	Big Ten #3 vs. SEC #3-4
Gator Bowl	Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m. WVA	NBC MARYLAND	*Big East #2 vs. ACC #2
Capital One Bowl	Jan. 1, 1 p.m. PUR	ABC GEO	Big Ten #2 vs. SEC #2
Peach Bowl	Jan. 1, 4:30 p.m. CLEMSON	ESPN TENN	ACC #3 vs. SEC #5
Rose Bowl	Jan. 1, 5 p.m. MICH	ABC USC	Big Ten vs. Pac-10
Orange Bowl	Jan. 1, 8 p.m. FSU	ABC MIAMI	BCS vs. BCS
Cotton Bowl	Jan. 2, 2 p.m. OKLA ST.	FOX OKLA ST.	Big 12 #2 vs. SEC #3-4*
Fiesta Bowl	Jan. 2, 8 p.m. KSU	ABC	BCS vs. BCS
Sugar Bowl	Jan. 4, 8 p.m. OKLAHOMA	ABC LSU	BCS #1 vs. BCS #2 *(National Championship Game)*

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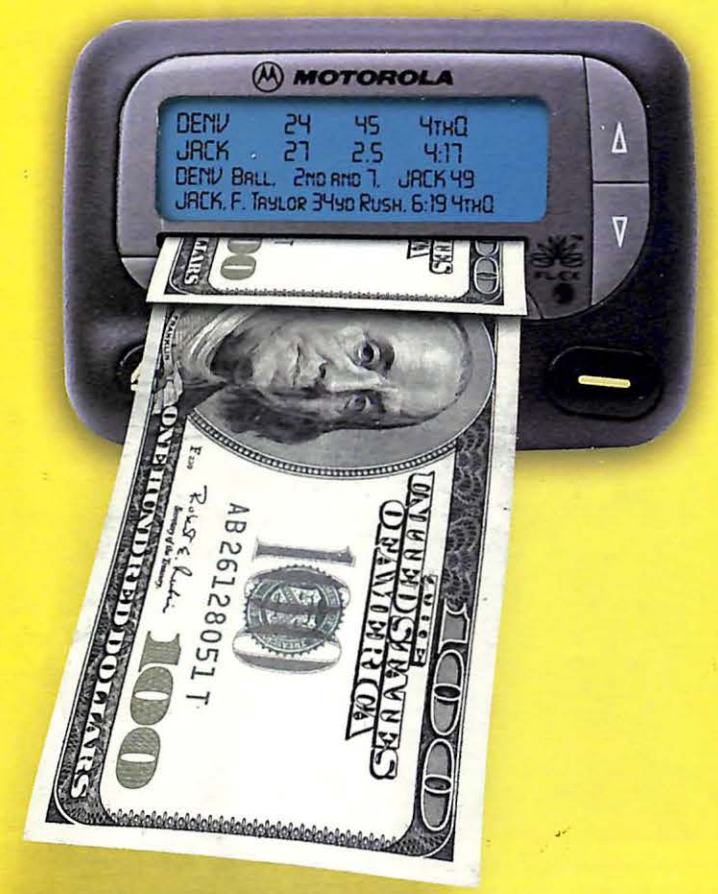

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